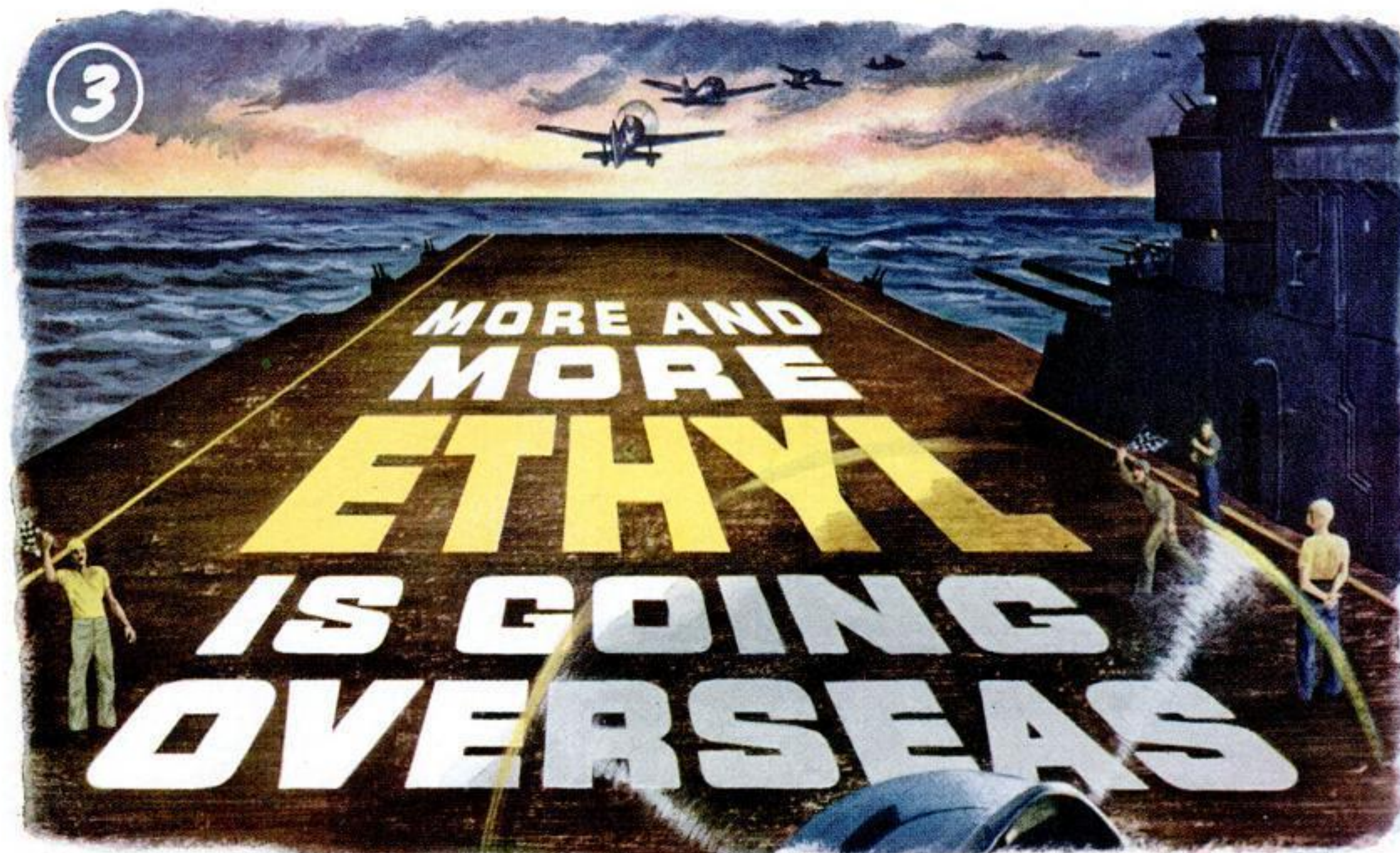




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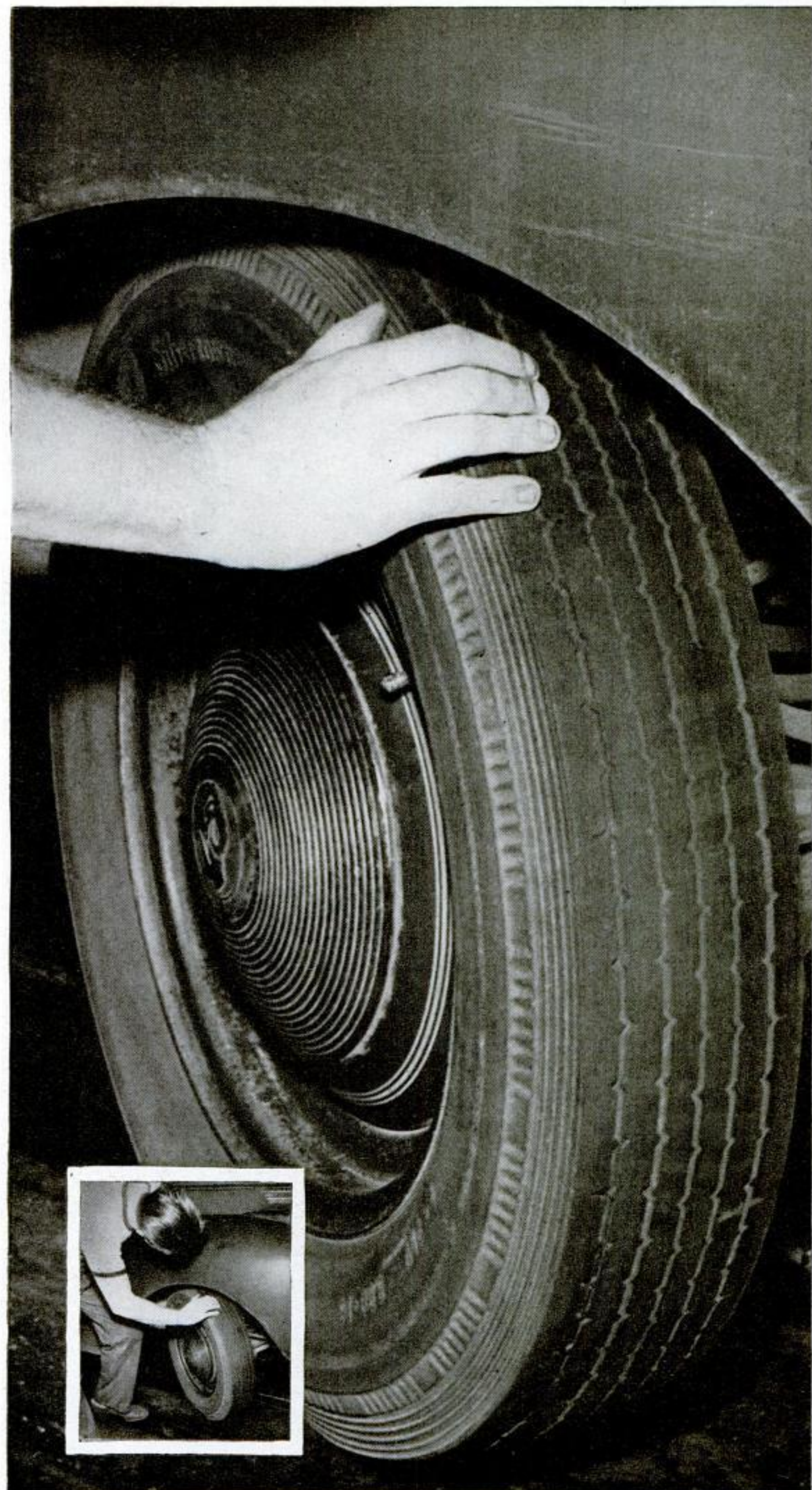
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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

"THE WORLD FROM ROME"

Because its publication in the Sept. 4 issue evoked a deluge of letters, mostly denunciatory, LIFE herewith devotes its entire Letters space to reader reaction to the article, *The World From Rome*, by William C. Bullitt. In this article Mr. Bullitt undertook to report the feelings and opinions of certain people in Rome whom he knew or interviewed on their defeat and their Catholic fear of communization of eastern Europe. Burdens of the denunciation were a) that Mr. Bullitt was a Russophobe; b) that he screened his own opinions behind the reportorial conveniences of "Romans say," and c) that LIFE had no business publishing his article anyway. To these three complaints LIFE answers:

a) the fact that Mr. Bullitt was a Russophobe was no secret even before the publication of his article;

b) the signature on any article anywhere is its own statement that the author has opinions he is not loath to express;

c) since all editors decline many more articles than they publish, it is obvious they see some special merit in those they do print. LIFE's editors saw in Mr. Bullitt's article the merit of an unusual force and clarity of expression on a subject—Russia's future position in eastern Europe and U. S. relations thereto—to which this very correspondence testifies the deep importance. As to the extreme criticism that Mr. Bullitt's article "asked for" World War III, with the U. S. and Britain ranged against Russia in about 15 years, it is grossly unfair to ascribe to LIFE what Mr. Bullitt himself described as only "a sad joke" going the rounds of Rome. Let critical readers keep in mind LIFE's long record of work and prayer for a new world of international cooperation and peace.—ED.

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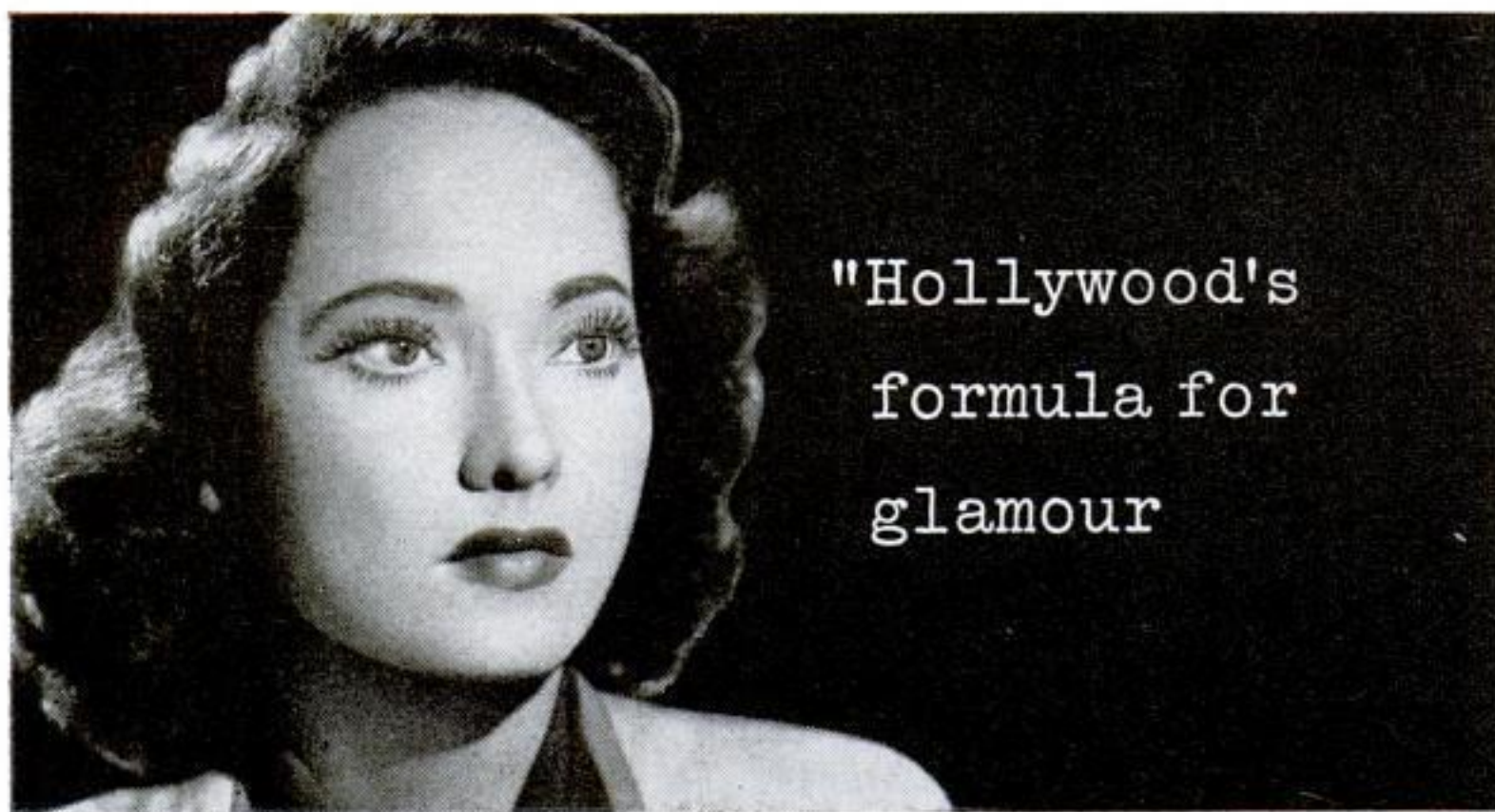
It's the telephone rush. Every night thousands of service men and women dash to the nearest telephones to talk with families and friends at home. Most of the Long Distance calls from camps and naval stations are crowded into a few short hours. Many circuits are likely to be crowded at that time and it helps a lot when you "give 7 to 10 to the service men."

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

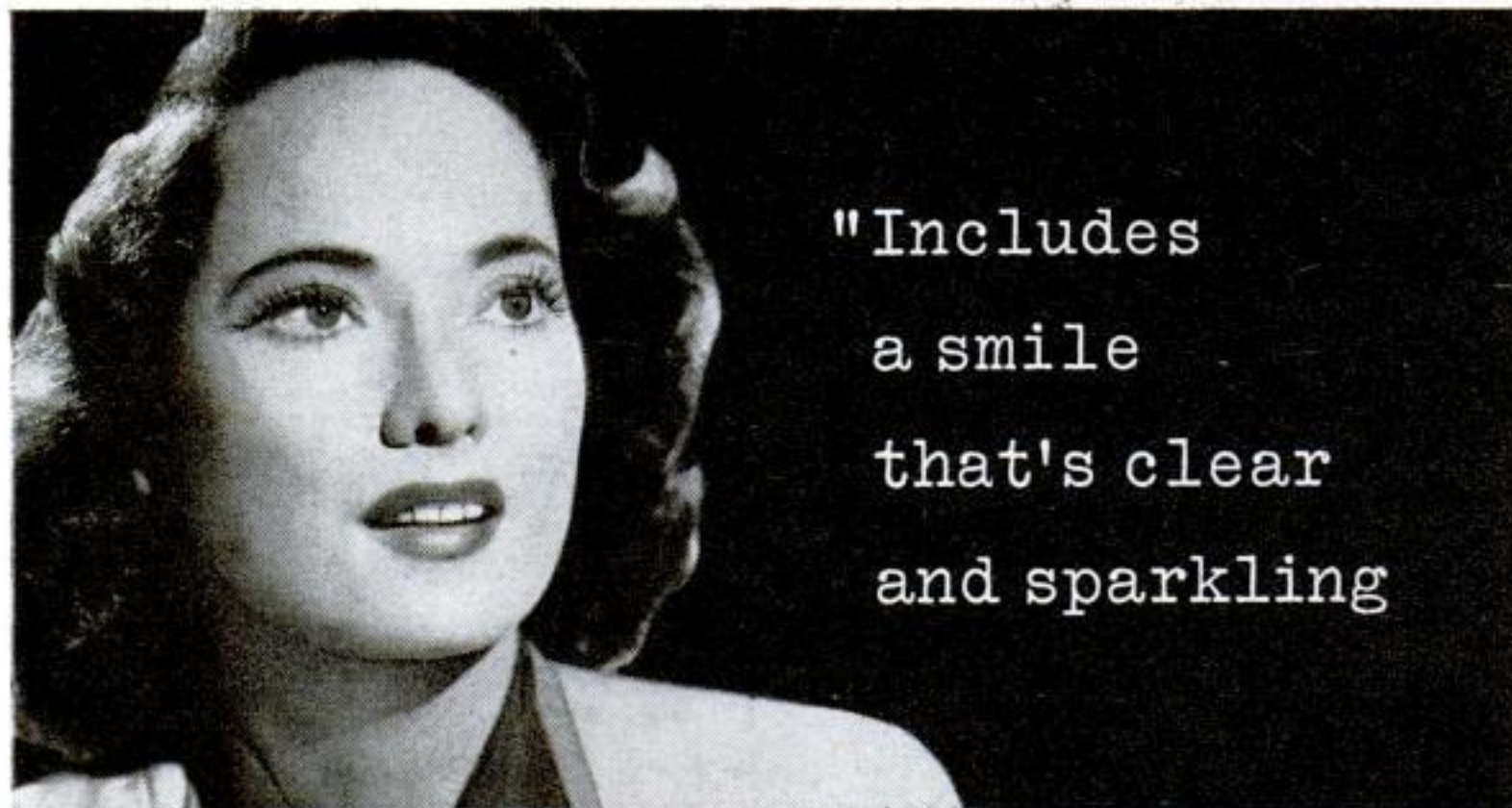


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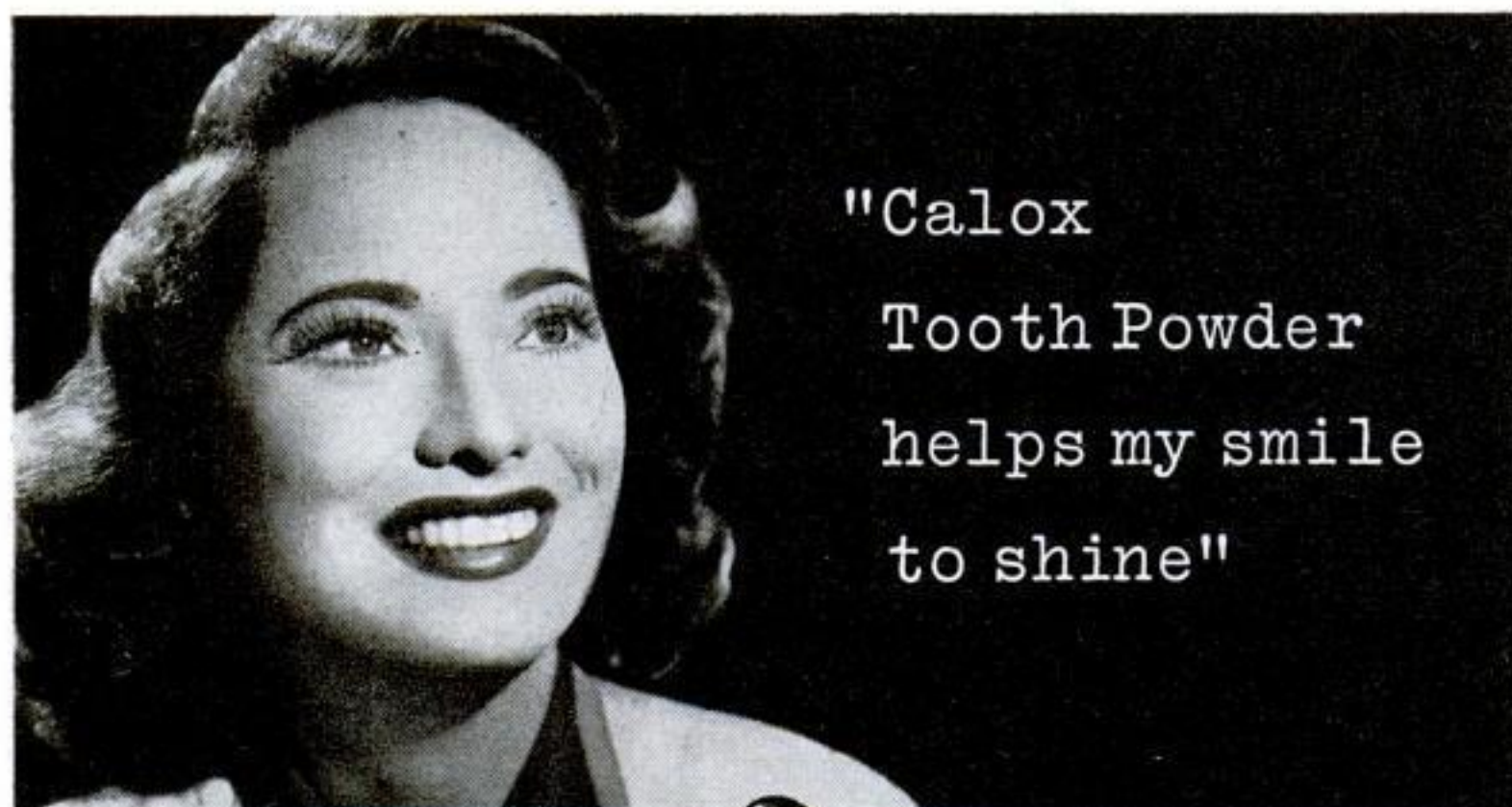
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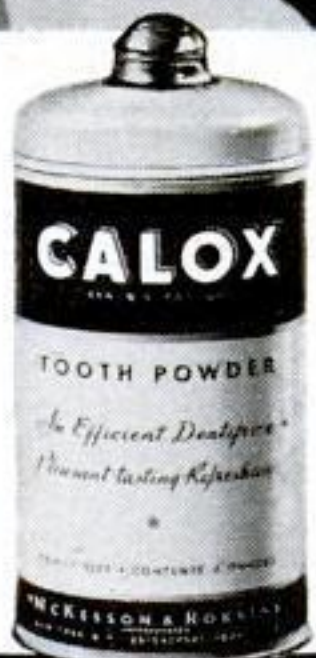
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Sirs:

STRONGLY URGE "LIFE" TO PUBLISH FULL TEXT OF "PRAVDA" REPLY TO AMBASSADOR BULLITT'S SMEAR OF OUR SOVIET ALLIES. THAT SOME CIRCLES IN ROME STILL PREFER BERLIN TO MOSCOW IS STRANGELY TRUE BUT I WAS SHOCKED INDEED.

JOHN O. CRANE

Woods Hole, Mass.

● Herewith Pravda's reply.—ED.

THE BANKRUPT SPY

by K. DEMIDOV

Mr. Bullitt was making a career of being a big politician. For a while he occupied fairly important diplomatic posts. But quite suddenly and unexpectedly his career came to an end. Evidently he became bankrupt. The reason for Bullitt's bankruptcy lies in the fact that he had always been a spy and never an earnest politician. He tried to make a career out of dirty, anti-Soviet work; he staked his entire political capital on Hitler.

However, his stake on Hitler was lost. Bullitt was thrown overboard and shared the bitter fate of all bankrupt men. He continued to work as an ordinary spy but bankruptcy stared him in the face here, also. The reason for it was evidently his partiality to distorting facts. There was only one thing Bullitt extracted from the ruins in which he had fallen, namely, his anti-Soviet idea.

He now says that he has met with some "optimists" in Rome who believe that in 15 years' time a world war will start between the Soviet Union and western Europe, supported by Britain and the United States. It is possible that Bullitt did meet such cutthroats in Rome. Quite evidently they were not optimists but simply Fascist scoundrels hiding from the Italian police and confiding in Bullitt. It is more likely, however, that Bullitt never did meet these Italians but in his usual way he made up a story. An article by Bullitt, published in the periodical LIFE, is sufficient proof for his lies. Since it is not easy to analyze his mass lying, let us number some:

Lie No. 1: Bullitt writes that the Polish Committee of National Liberation is formed of 19 people, nine of

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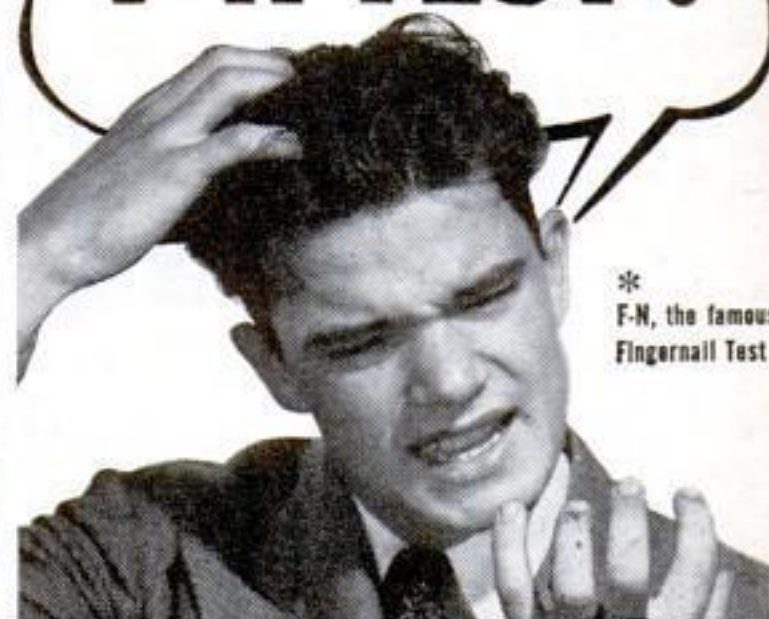
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"One-two-three woof— what in the world?" gasped Elsie

"**Q**UIET!" yelled Elmer, the bull. "I'm testing my voice. One-two-three, woof woof. One-two-thr—"

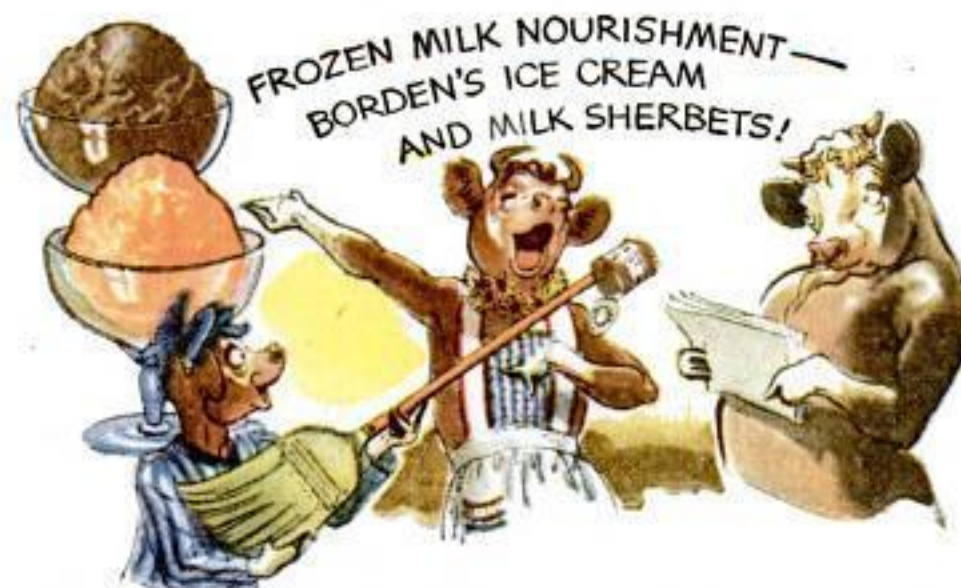
"Wait a minute," interrupted Elsie, the Borden Cow. "You're hardly the type for a swoon crooner. What on earth are—"

"I," boomed Elmer importantly, "am going to make a speech. Ah, I can hear me now: 'Fellow citizens, we of the food industry ask no credit for the remarkable job we are doing. We merely call your attention to the fact that our fighting men are the best-fed fighting men in the world. And—'"

"It's the truth, all right, but you sound a little boastful," objected Elsie. "And, while you're on the subject, don't forget to mention that the food industry is doing

well-fed, I know what I'm talking about. My wife tells me that 25% of all our food goes to our Armed Forces and to our allies. And . . ."

"Unquote," chuckled Elsie. "I can guess what you're going to say next. You'll remind your audience that while our Armed Forces are enjoying good foods like ice cream in great plenty (and do stress the fact that



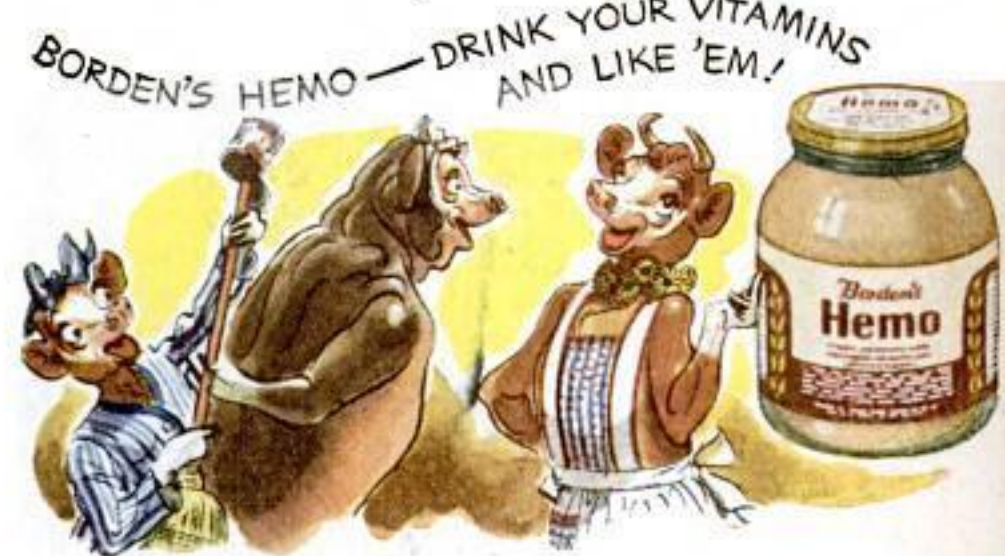
Borden's Ice Cream and Milk Sherbets are nutritious dairy foods, not just tasty treats) that Americans at home are still the best-fed of all warring peoples."

"Hold on," roared Elmer, "this is my speech."

"I love every word of it," soothed Elsie. "It's a thrilling story and a real tribute to the food industry . . . how our farmers have grown *more* food with *less* help and very little new machinery . . . how food companies have performed shipping and production miracles . . . how grocers have done a great job with green clerks and fewer clerks. I'm so glad you're speaking for the whole food industry, not just Borden."

"Hmpf!" snorted Elmer. "It seems to me that you've managed to get Borden into every other line of my speech."

"Why, Elmer, how you talk," protested Elsie. "I've hardly asked you to mention Borden. Of course, you *could* work in a word about *Borden's Hemo*—the new



way to drink your vitamins and like 'em."

"You may call it a word, I call it a sales talk," mumbled Elmer. "Besides, it wouldn't fit into my speech."



"Nonsense," chuckled Elsie. "You can mention it easily—just before you say that *Borden's Fine Cheeses* are marvelous 'buys' for one's points and pennies."

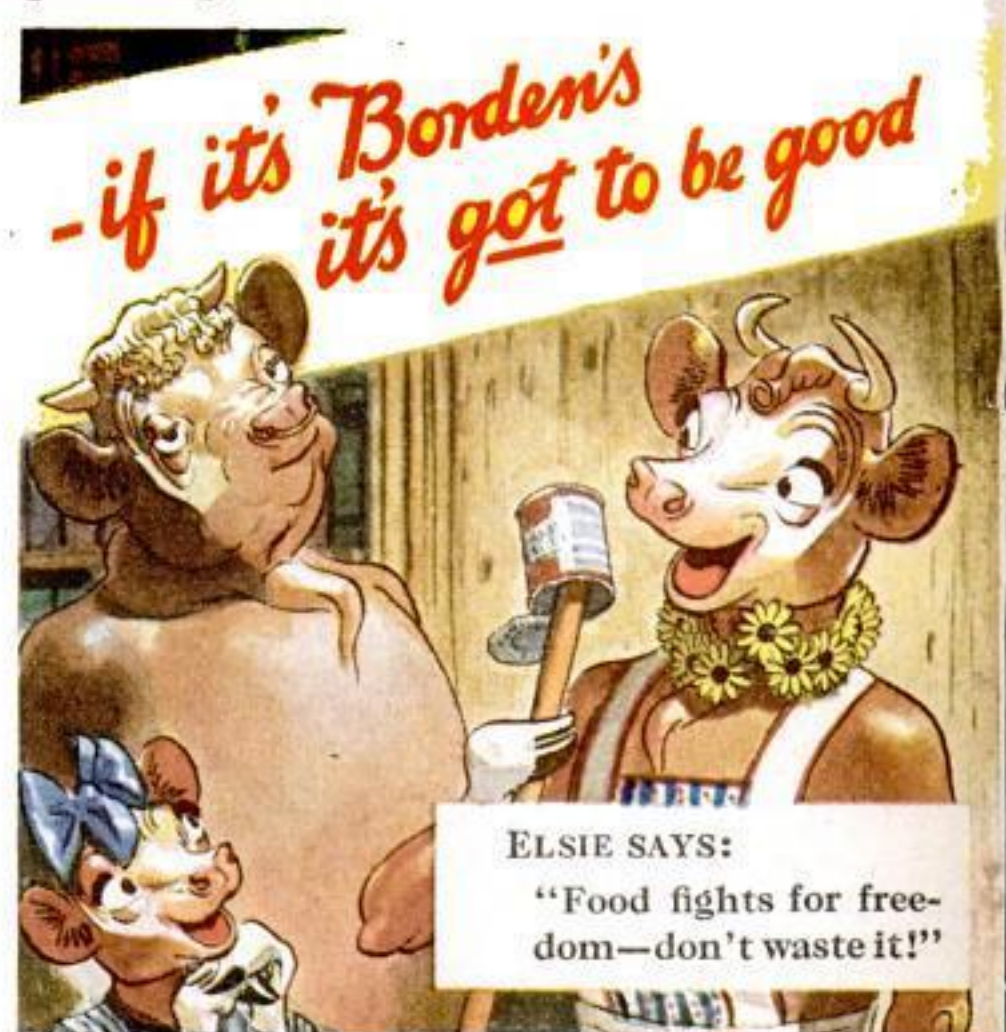
"I get it," groaned Elmer, "hardly mention Borden at all."



"That's the idea," enthused Elsie. "Of course, you might drop a hint that scads of doctors approve *Borden's Evaporated Milk* for feeding tiny babies on account of it's so digestible and rich in Vitamin D."

"Never mind," sighed Elmer. "Here, you test *your* voice. If it's going to be your speech, you may as well speak it."

"Well, if you insist," beamed Elsie, "I'll be glad to. Now, let me practice the most important part, a statement of fact that everyone in the audience will agree with: One-two-three, woof woof—*If it's Borden's, it's got to be good!*"



ELSIE SAYS:

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whom are Communists, among them
Osupka-Morawski. It is well known
that there are only three Communists
in this committee and that Osupka-
Morawski is a member of the Workers'
Party of the Polish Socialists.

Lie No. 2: Bullitt writes that the
Soviet Union will dominate in Estonia,
Latvia and Lithuania. How can the
Soviet Union "dominate" in the Soviet
Republics? What is the value of infor-
mation from such an ignorant spy?

Lie No. 3: Bullitt writes that Marshal
Tito's army is killing Serbian peasants
who are showing anti-Communist feel-
ings with weapons received from Ameri-
ca. By this lie Bullitt gives himself away
as a spy who has assimilated the instruc-
tions of German fascist propaganda.

Lie No. 4: Bullitt writes that the Ital-
ians were astonished that the Moscow
radio is in favor of the return of the
Hapsburgs to Austria. This is not even a
lie, but the ravings of an old gray mare.

Lie No. 5: Bullitt writes that the Ital-
ians fear still more the prospect of Mos-
cow. They fear that Bolshevism on the
Brenner will mean a speedy offensive of
Stalinism into Lombardy.

But we cannot go on enumerating all
the lies. In a comparatively short article
we counted about 30 of them. In every
five lines there was a lie.

Evidently Bullitt's calculations did
not materialize in Rome. The reputa-
tion of the bankrupt spy follows Bullitt
like a shadow. His own country has
turned away from him. They know the
price of Bullitt's lies. He was unable to
sell his dirty wares in Rome.

The choice of the above article by
LIFE magazine seems strange in the
light of all this. Has this periodical be-
come so poor that it was necessary to
print Bullitt's lies? Can we not con-
gratulate the French army with such an
"adornment" as Major Bullitt? If
Bullitt must be given some kind of occu-
pation let him go to the market and sell
old clothes. This trade is more to his
taste. And should he cheat a buyer in
his usual way there is not much harm
done. In all other spheres of activity
Bullitt only dishonored the post which
he occupied.

● (The word *Pravda* applies to Mr.
Bullitt is *razvedchik*, the nearest Eng-
lish translation of which is "spy," but
which does not have the connotation
of espionage. A *razvedchik* is one who
reconnoiters, throws out feelers. In the
military sense it has some honor at-
tached to it. The closest Russian word
to English "spy" is *shpion*.—ED.)

Sirs:

Bullitt's article must contain many
truths, judging from the hullabaloo
raised by *Pravda*. Thank you for pub-
lishing it.

HELEN JOY LEE

New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

Moscow's *Pravda* calls Bullitt a
"bankrupt spy." *Pravda* is right. . . .
There are many people today who hope
that every development so fearfully
portrayed in his article will soon come
to pass. . . . Take a brief look at the ma-
jor elements of this worldwide trend.

In less than 30 years Communism has
spread over one-sixth of the world's sur-
face and engulfed over one-tenth of the
world's population. Strong Communist
parties and groups have been created
throughout the world. Most of eastern
and central Europe will soon go Com-
munist, as Bullitt despairingly but ac-
curately predicts. Much of western Eu-
rope will lean in the same direction. . . .
Americans are simply not prepared for
the radical political results of this war.
For this the press bears some of the
blame. The deliberate and unconscious

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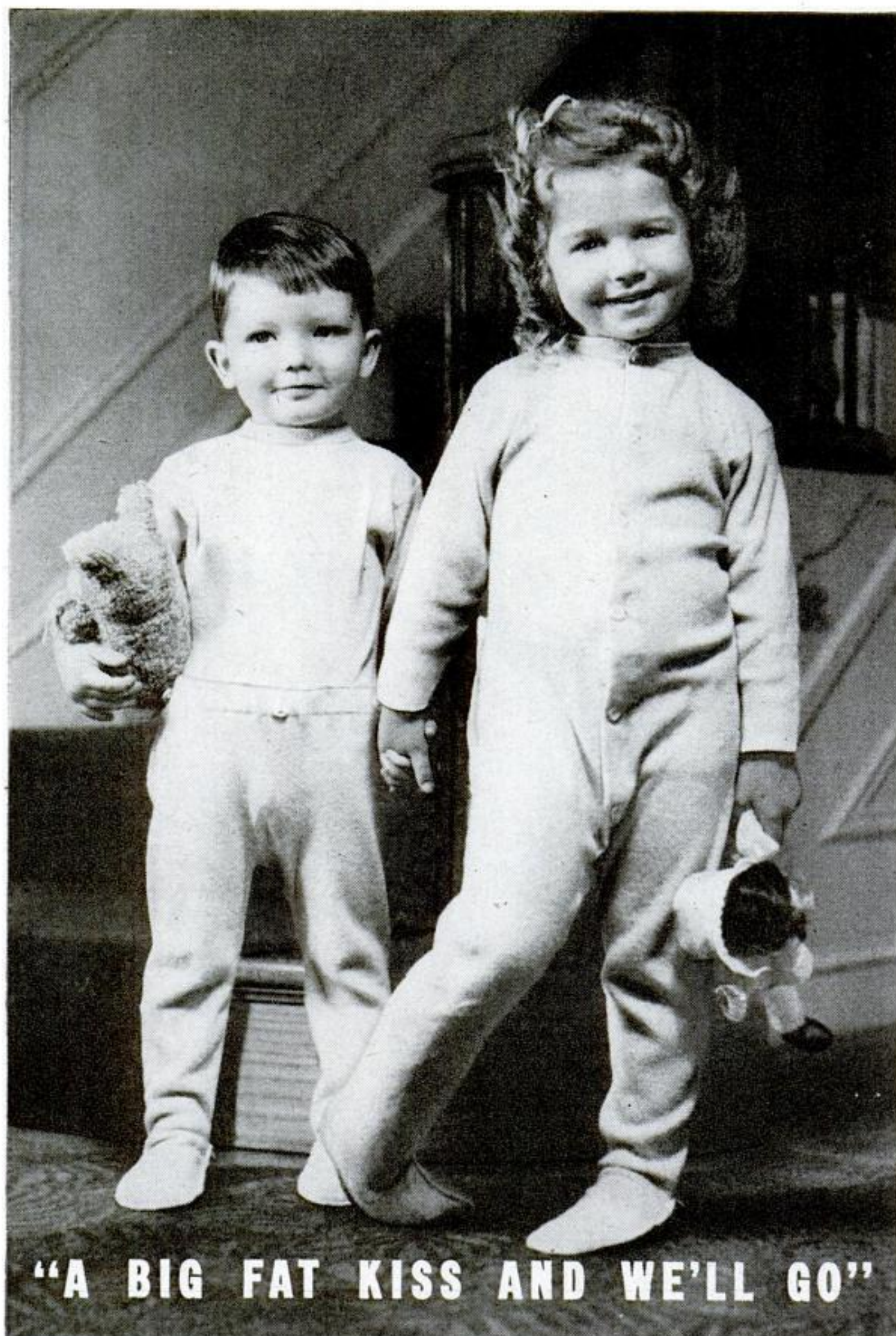
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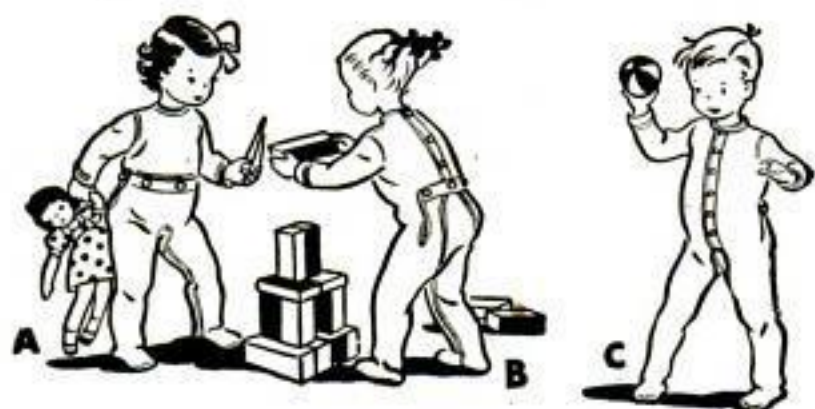


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- C One-piece button-front suit. Ages 4 to 8.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS CONTINUED

evasion of factual and objective reports on Soviet political achievements in the past 25 years has been simply colossal. Some day this ignorance is going to cost America dearly.

HOLLISTER NOBLE

Irvington, N. Y.

Sirs:

Like most Americans, my deep admiration for the achievements of Russia and the Russian armies has not disabused my mind of some of the fears expressed in the article by William C. Bullitt. I hope Communism does not spread through western Europe and that it never reaches America. But I think Mr. Bullitt's article has done great damage.

Had the piece been written by an Italian, your readers could have accepted it as a report of the present Italian point of view. Had Mr. Bullitt written as a reporter, stating the Italian point of view with detachment, it would still have had its place in LIFE as part of your factual coverage of events. But Mr. Bullitt has clearly used the present situation in Italy and LIFE for his own purposes, to exploit his personal point of view.

HOWARD LINDSAY

New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

FOR SHAME! . . .

JOHN GRAY

Elizabeth, N. J.

Sirs:

You are to be congratulated on your good sense and courage to give us this timely reminder that the end of hostilities with two of the great totalitarian nations will not necessarily bring to a successful conclusion democracy's crusade against that form of government and its threat to freedom.

. . . In the fog of sentiment and paralyzing fear which characterizes the American attitude toward Russia, it is better to run head-on into something solid, even though it be a danger sign, than to go floundering on into the abyss of appeasement. If, while planning the peace, we lose sight of what Mr. Bullitt calls the deepest issue of the moral world—the issue of the sovereignty of man against the sovereignty of the state—the terrible price of victory over Germany and Japan will have been paid in vain, and not for the last time.

ISABELLA H. PARSONS

Virginia Beach, Va.

Sirs:

The editors of LIFE were probably aware of the provocative nature of William C. Bullitt's article.

Insofar as it sets forth the viewpoint of the Vatican and the views of the upper strata of Italy, it is straightforward and valuable journalism. Unfortunately it is easy for the reader to forget that, while the voice of the Vatican merits and will no doubt receive every consideration, the utterances of a defeated and discredited enemy are apt to be booby traps.

This is the primary confusion of the article. One never knows where the word "Romans" applies strictly to the former followers of Mussolini and foes of the Allies, and where it includes the deeply honored and revered Papal authority.

One must differentiate also between the normal fear and distrust of the Soviet Union and the exploitation of such distrust by our enemies.

WALTER MANN

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:

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Hempstead, N. Y.

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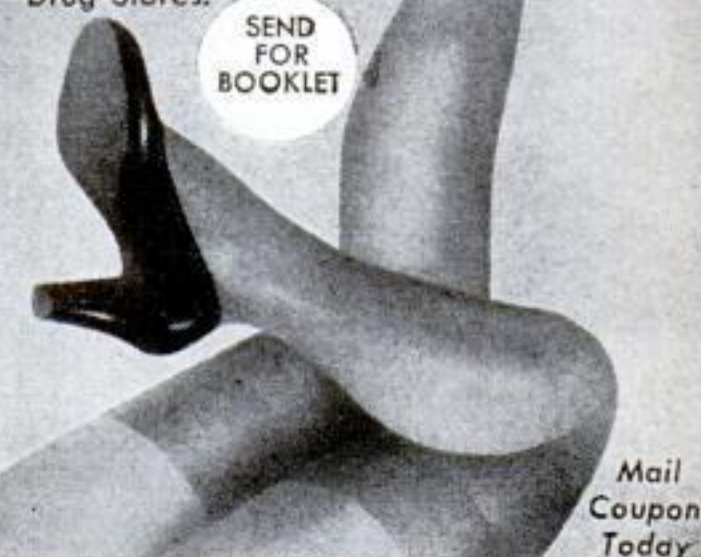
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Sirs:

Mr. Bullitt's article may prove an accurate forecast of the long-term policy of the Soviet Union. But what he fails to point out is that the masses in the Baltic and Balkan states may not be averse to union with the U. S. S. R. The degradation of poverty under which they have existed for so many years may cause them to hope that under a Communist regime they could not be any worse off and might be better.

The Vatican might be disturbed by the spread of Communism but to prevent it the hierarchy must do something to promote better living conditions among its communicants.

I am not a Communist but I have visited Russia several times since the revolution as well as before 1917 and have seen for myself that, despite the indefensible excesses of the revolution, the masses of the people have made wonderful progress mentally, morally and spiritually during the past 27 years. They have been given something to hope for, to live for and to die for—as millions of them have done.

THORNTON PURKIS

Toronto, Ont., Canada

Sirs:

The article . . . may do more harm than you or anyone else can ever measure.

LEE GRANT

Detroit, Mich.

Sirs:

. . . Bullitt's clear cut analysis will have much to do with the waking up of Americans to their obligations in Europe after the war.

WILLIAM GRANT

San Pedro, Calif.

Sirs:

Americans get sick to their stomachs at attempts by Red-baiters to sabotage the forthcoming peace conference.

ISIDOR SHAFFER

Flushing, N. Y.

Sirs:

While Mr. Bullitt steers a neat course between what the "Romans" declare and what is his own comment, the generally poisonous tone of the article is calculated to confuse and terrify the uninformed. The vicious point of view toward the Russian people and their leaders is precisely the sort of stuff that creates the preconditions for World War III.

MILDRED TRAUBE

New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

Truly, I did not think you would ever have given space in your pages to such an attempt to disrupt the unity among the Allies, who are still desperately engaged in defeating fascism.

REVEREND ELIOT WHITE

New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

No purpose is served by such writing except to hinder pleasant international relations.

GEORGE MALCOLM-SMITH

West Hartford, Conn.

Sirs:

Bullitt's article reminds us of the story of the man who ran away from the wolf only to run into a bear.

In this game of power politics it is the nations who are sold down the river that know and pay the price.

EINO HEIKKINEN

Menahga, Minn.

Sirs:

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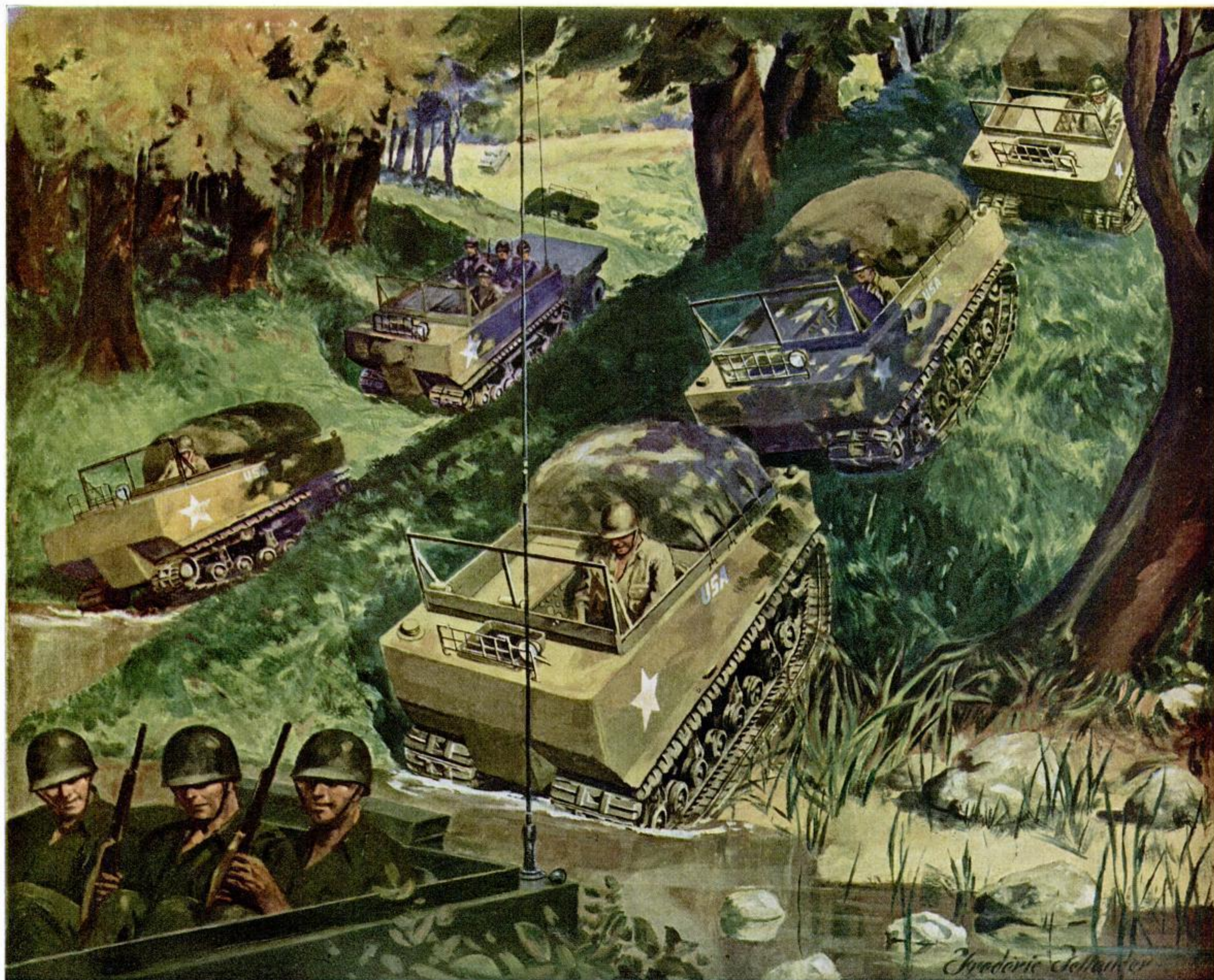
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SPEAKING OF PICTURES . . .

. . . SOME IOWA GIRLS DIDN'T LIKE THAT KISSING IN PARIS



NORA SCHUCK, 25, is library clerk from West Point, Iowa. She has no boyfriend overseas. Remembering the legend of the old song about the mademoiselle, Nora says: "I didn't mind the fall of Paris so much as the capture of Armentières."



FLORENCE BROWN, 22, Des Moines reporter, does not admit to having a boyfriend in France. Florence sides with the boys: "Some of these women must be pretty jealous to begrudge those fellows a few kisses after all they have gone through."



MRS. CARROLL SPILLERS, 24, OPA secretary, has a husband who is in the Army somewhere in France. Mrs. Spillers is waiting it out: "What he does over there is his own business, but what he does when he gets back to the U.S. is mine."



ARLENE O'CONNELL, 19, who is an OPA stenographer, has no boyfriends she knows of overseas. Arlene takes boys' view of matter: "The French girls deserve a few kisses from American soldiers after seeing nothing but Nazis for four years."



MRS. WILLIAM EVANS, 19, is a stenographer from Winfield, Iowa. She is perfectly happy to have her husband "somewhere" with the Coast Guard where he will stay at sea. "When I saw those pictures I was glad he isn't in the Army," she says.



WINNIE DEVLIN, 21, a clerk, is quite willing to be broadminded about the whole thing, even though her boyfriend has just left with the air forces, presumably for the European theater. "Those French girls are supposed to be that way," she adds.



MRS. HUBERT HANSON, 19, who is clerical worker from Somers, Iowa, expects her husband to behave himself overseas and isn't worried about any of those French girls. "I want him to save his kisses for me," she says. "He is stationed in India."



MRS. JOHN W. WALLNER, 26, of Des Moines, an addressograph operator, disapproves of this French enthusiasm. Her husband is in Merchant Marine and, so far as she knows, is not in France. Anyway, she feels, "He'd better not be in Paris."



WILMA HAWKINS, 19, of Kingsley, Iowa, is a secretary. Although Wilma corresponds with many boy friends in many theaters of war, she is firm about her special friend who is in France. "I don't like what goes on on top of tanks," she says.

The girls back home in Iowa are almost as happy as the French girls are to hear that Paris is free again. But at precisely that point the parallel stops. The girls in Iowa have heard that the girls in Paris were so happy to be free that they kissed every American soldier they could reach, and that an unusually large number

of American soldiers found themselves within reach.

The girls whose pictures and comments appear here were photographed in Des Moines by a cameraman who showed them a photo of a Yank soldier kissing a French girl (see next page) and asked for their comments. Most of the girls are going to demand some explanations

from the boys when they come home. Some are afraid it will not stop there. They don't want all the American boys getting married in France. But one girl is very happy. "It could be that if two out of three fellows over there were to marry French girls," she says, "a certain individual's postwar problems would be solved."



SALLY AKES, 21, of Centerville, Iowa, is a restaurant waitress. Sally has no favorite boyfriends over in France, so she is willing to side with the French girls. Says Sally: "I think probably the Des Moines girls would do the very same thing."



MRS. RONALD MASON, 24, and Ronald Jr., 10 months, live in Des Moines. She maintains that she would be too excited over Paris' freedom to care if her husband were kissed by a French girl. Her husband is stationed in South America.



MRS. JACK BENNETT, 28, drugstore clerk in Des Moines, has a husband who is somewhere in France but she is cool and confident. "That kissing stuff didn't bother me much. I don't think those French women have anything that I haven't got."



JEAN POLSON, 22, secretary from Indianola, Iowa, doesn't have a boyfriend in France. She does not object to all the kissing going on in Paris, but has reservations about it: "I think it probably was all right if it stopped with the kissing."



BERNADINE FINESTEAD, 20, of Granger, Iowa, is a bookkeeper. Bernadine has a boyfriend who is an artilleryman in France. She remarks wistfully: "I imagine that the boys enjoyed it. It was all right to kiss them if they wanted to be kissed."



BERNADINE GARTON, 24, Des Moines waitress, isn't married and doesn't have a boyfriend overseas. But she still has her doubts about those first days in Paris. "All this kissing and stuff doesn't mean anything maybe, but you never know."



JANICE SOLLER, 18, a secretary, has a boyfriend who is stationed "somewhere" in Europe and is really worried about him now. Janice wants to know: "When they kiss old guys like Ernie Pyle, what are they doing to the young ones?"

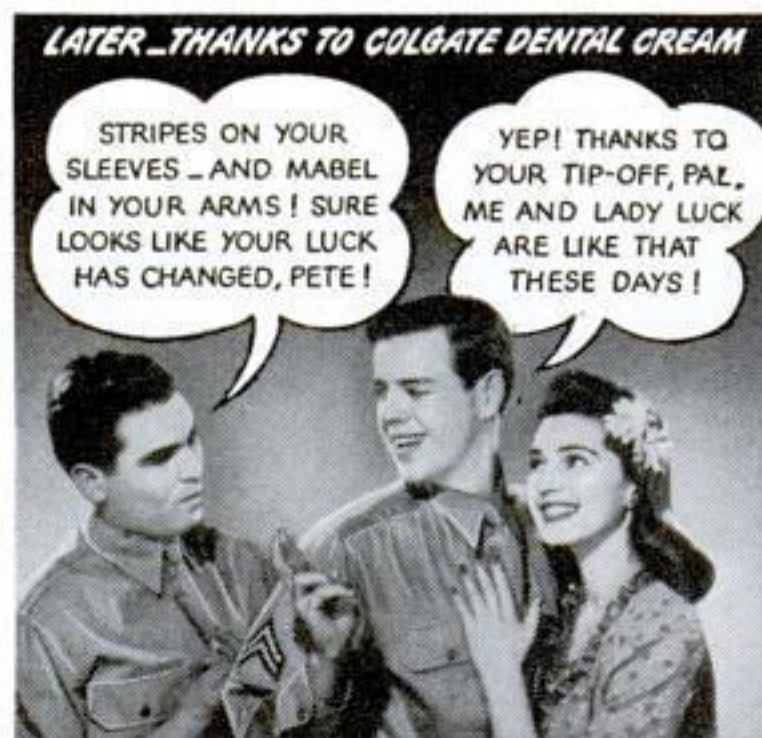
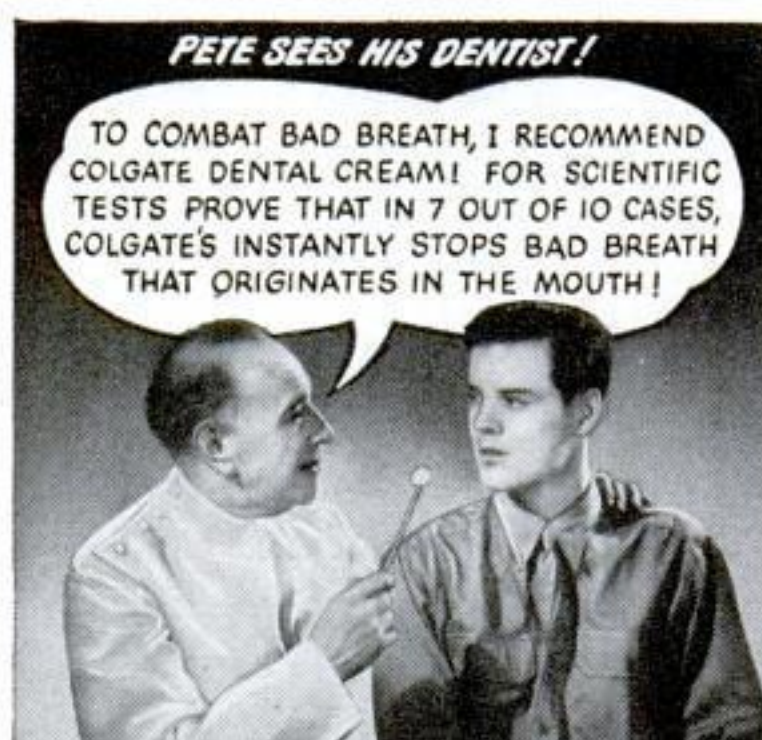
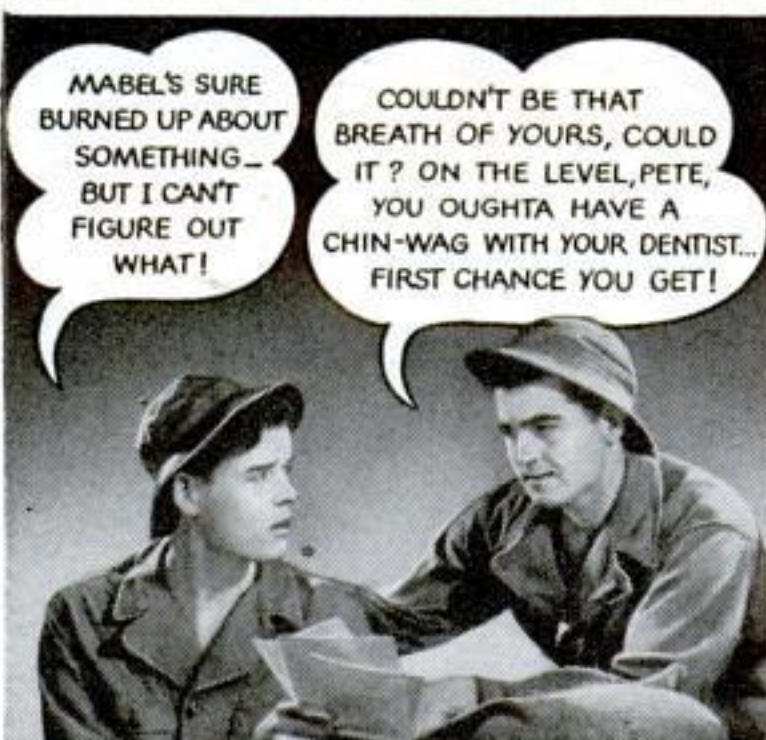


VIRGINIA CHASE, 23, an OPA secretary, has a boyfriend in France, is willing to look at it from the French girls' point of view. But, "I can't believe that they kiss over there just like we shake hands . . . that was an awfully big handshake."



SONJA NANSEN, 17-year-old counter girl, has a boyfriend who is in Australia, so she isn't the slightest bit interested in Paris. "But," she asks, "did you see where two shiploads of wives of American soldiers came back from Australia?"

It Never Rains But It Pours!



Tune In! CAN YOU TOP THIS? Saturday Night—NBC Network

SPEAKING OF PICTURES

(continued)



DOROTHY DODGE, 36, of Oelwein, Iowa, is a commission secretary. She claims to have no boyfriends overseas in France. "If I ever have to kiss anybody on the top of a tank," says Dorothy, "I hope the vehicle is in a more secluded spot." Then after some thought she asked: "Wasn't it just a case of spontaneous combustion?"



THIS IS THE PICTURE, taken by LIFE Photographer Ralph Morse in Paris (LIFE, Sept. 4), that started the whole thing. It has been one of the most widely published of all war pictures. Its appearance caused the Des Moines *Register* to send out a reporter to interview the local girls and a cameraman to take these pictures of them.

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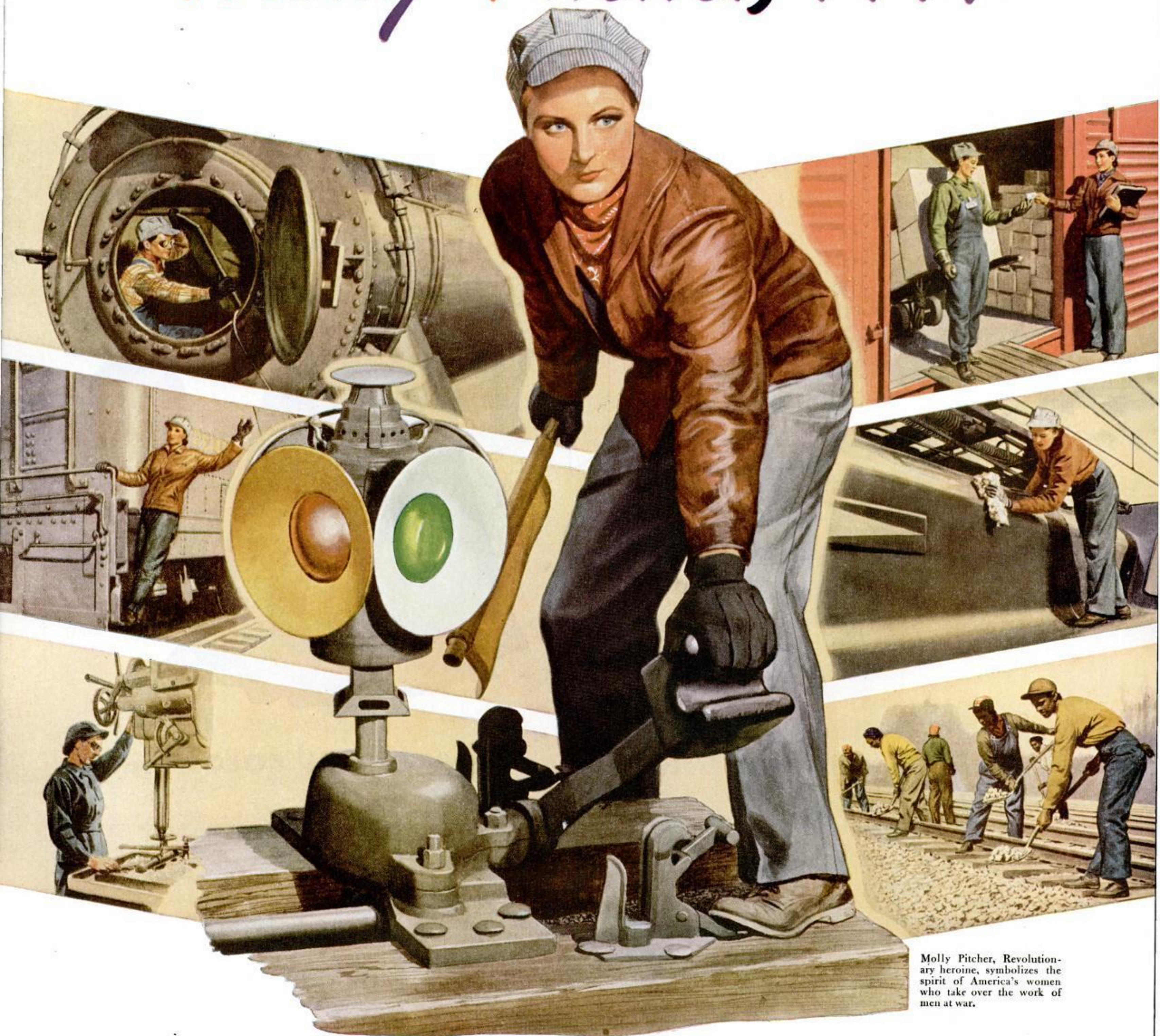
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STATUE OF LIBERTY, GLEAMING IN THE SUN, STANDS GUARD OVER NEW YORK HARBOR. THIS IS FIRST LOOK AT AMERICA MANY OF YOU WILL HAVE WHEN YOU COME BACK

A LETTER FROM HOME

"LIFE'S" SPECIAL ISSUE IS A REPORT ON WARTIME AMERICA

This whole issue of LIFE is a 120-page letter to the millions of Americans who have gone abroad in the last few years to serve in the armed forces. It is addressed to GIs, because most of you are GIs, but everybody in uniform is included. Many of you have been away for a long time now. More than 1,600,000 of you are in or near Germany and 1,400,000 more are on the move in the Pacific. You are fighting in Italy and Burma and bombing Japan and lining up, over a million strong, in England, North Africa, the Middle East, India. Some of you have been bored almost to death on lonely islands and ships and airports all over the world. You know the war will not be over until the last shots are fired in Germany and Japan. But your victories have brought the end in sight. You want to finish the job and come home.

That is what this special issue is about—home, the U.S.A., "the States." From your letters we gather

LIFE is sending many extra copies of this special issue overseas. Regular readers are urged to send theirs to someone in service. LIFE here particularly thanks Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc. (TWA) for making possible the aerial pictures on following pages by providing special plane and crew for Photographer Margaret Bourke-White.

that you think a lot about home. There are things you like to remember but sometimes you have trouble remembering just how they look—the streets of your town, the good food, the pretty girls, the clean bathrooms. Elsewhere in this "letter" you will find pictures of these things. They are here, waiting for you. America, in fact, still looks pretty much the same

as when you left it—despite the boom towns, the new factories, the effects of wartime wear and tear. But there is enormous potential change in your America. The country is more tough-minded and more determined. It has new economic problems, bigger than any it has ever had before. When war ends it will change to a degree which we cannot now estimate.

LIFE sent two photographers across the country, Margaret Bourke-White by air and Andreas Feininger by land, to get for you the latest pictures of this America. Their photographic report begins here and continues on the next 14 pages. We hope it will make you proud. But we would not be surprised if some of it made you mad or confused. Never before has America seemed such a mighty and explosive force. We at home are trying to work out peaceful ways to use the vast new power it has developed during the war. But we will need a lot of help from you when you get back.



ALONG BROADWAY AT NIGHT ALL PLACES TO SPEND MONEY ARE JAMMED AND RESTLESS CROWDS SPILL OVER THE SIDEWALK INTO THE STREETS. MANY ARE IN UNIFORM LIKE YOURSELVES

THE BIG CITY HAS BIGGEST WAR BOOM

A lot of you got a quick look at Times Square on your way overseas, so you know what it looks like in war-time. Right now it is the center of the biggest spending boom the U. S. A. has ever had. We have to tell you about this boom, even though we are somewhat ashamed of it. The national income for 1944 will be

around 158 billion dollars, the highest in all history, and the pressure of all that money is producing some amazing spending. People are buying \$15,000 sapphire bracelets, \$3,500 mink coats. They are paying \$200 for cigaret lighters, \$29.75 for lace panties, \$49.50 for black chiffon nightgowns, \$29 for seats to Okla-



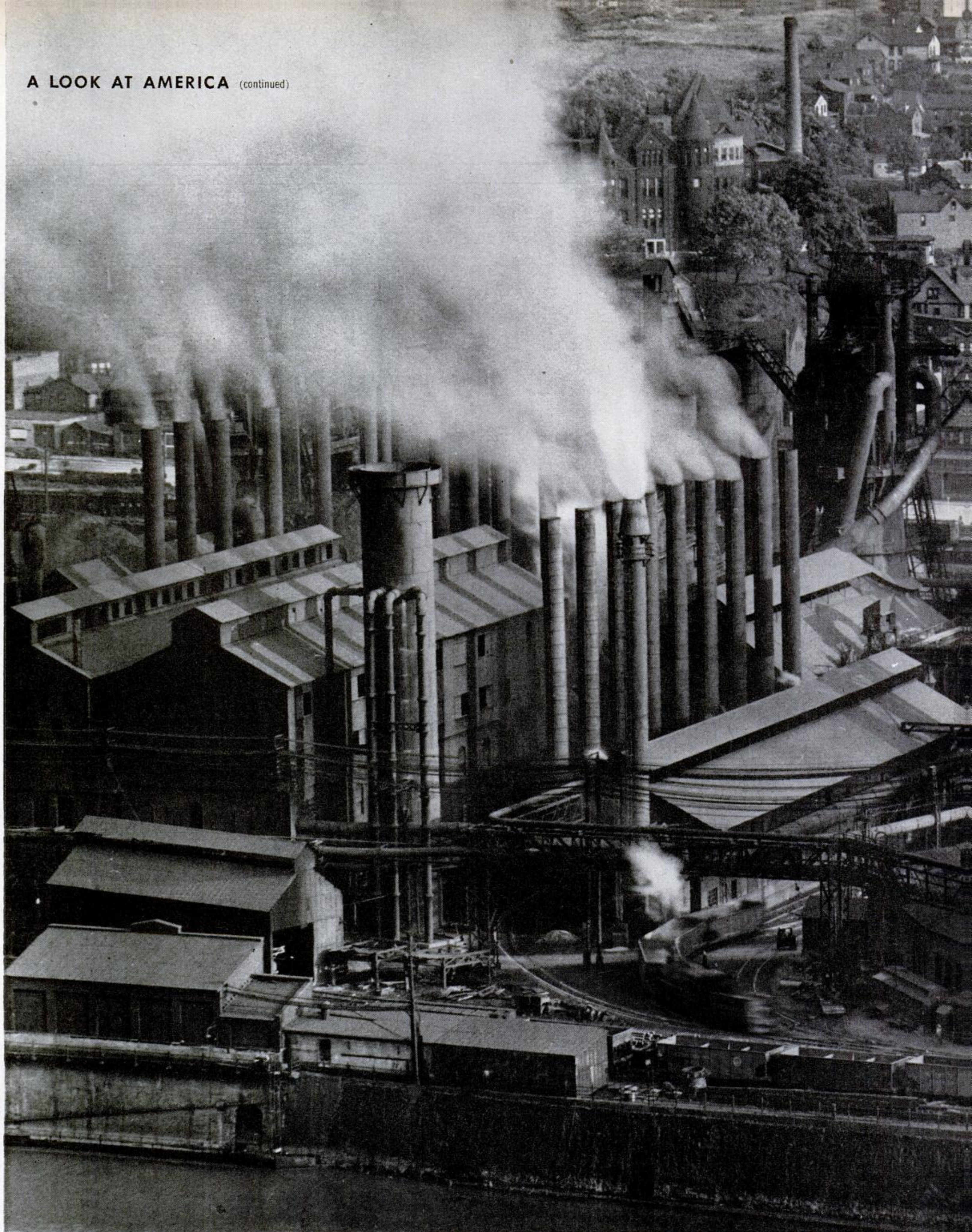
MAGIC LIGHTS OF MANHATTAN'S SKYSCRAPERS HAVE BEEN ON FOR NEARLY A YEAR AFTER 18 MONTHS OF DIMOUT. THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN FROM BROOKLYN BRIDGE AT TWILIGHT

home! (on the black market) and \$1 a throw for drinks.

Not everybody does this kind of spending. It is worst in places like New York and Miami where luxuries are concentrated. A little of it is being done by servicemen on quick holidays with wives and sweethearts. But there is a boom everywhere in almost ev-

erything—in jewelry, furs, liquor, second-hand furniture, marriages, babies, divorces. Consumer spending in the U. S. this year will reach 95.5 billions, which is almost as much as the total national income in 1941. But individual savings since the war began have totaled 96.6 billion and war-bond sales almost 35 billion.

Most of the foolish spending will stop when people can buy more sensible things like new refrigerators, new autos, new homes. Economists don't want spending to stop. They say our normal national income should be \$140,000,000,000 a year, double 1939's income. Then we will have full employment and prosperity.

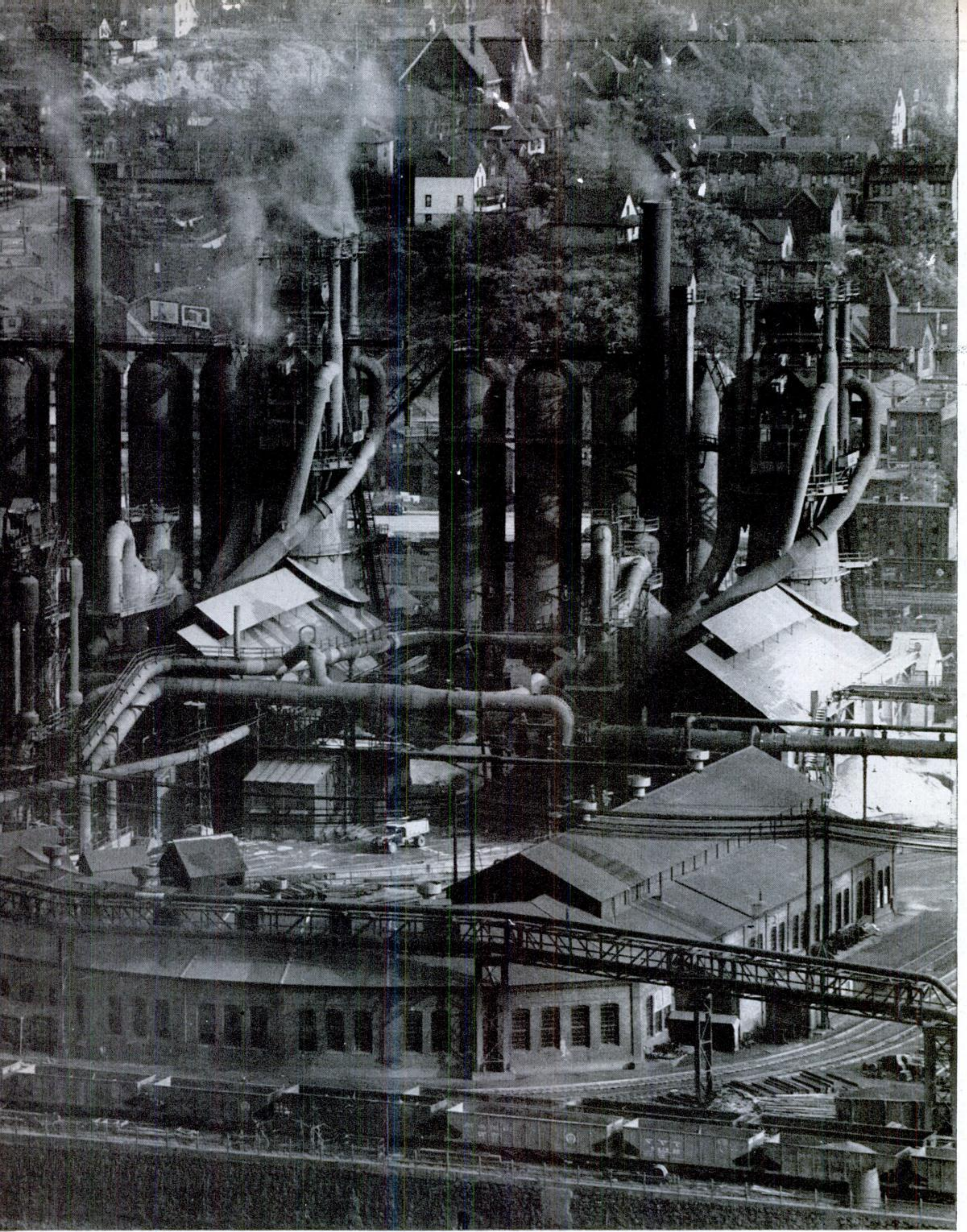


THIS PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY FEININGER WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE TREMENDOUS SPECTACLE OF AMERICAN WAR INDUSTRY AT WORK. IT IS ONE PLANT OF THE NATIONAL TUBE

PRODUCTION SOARS BEYOND ALL PEAKS

War production is one job we're really proud of. Here are some of the figures. Since Pearl Harbor the U. S. has produced 220 million tons of steel and is now producing at the rate of 90 million tons a year, which is almost double its peacetime rate. It has built 202,000 airplanes, 51,000 landing craft and 8,000 other ships

from cargo vessels to superbattleships. Out of its factories have come 60,000 tanks, 380,000 big guns, 2 million machine guns and 10 million rifles and carbines. Aluminum production has jumped from 217,500 tons a year in 1939 to 1,200,000 tons in 1944. The synthetic-rubber program has turned out 630,000 tons since



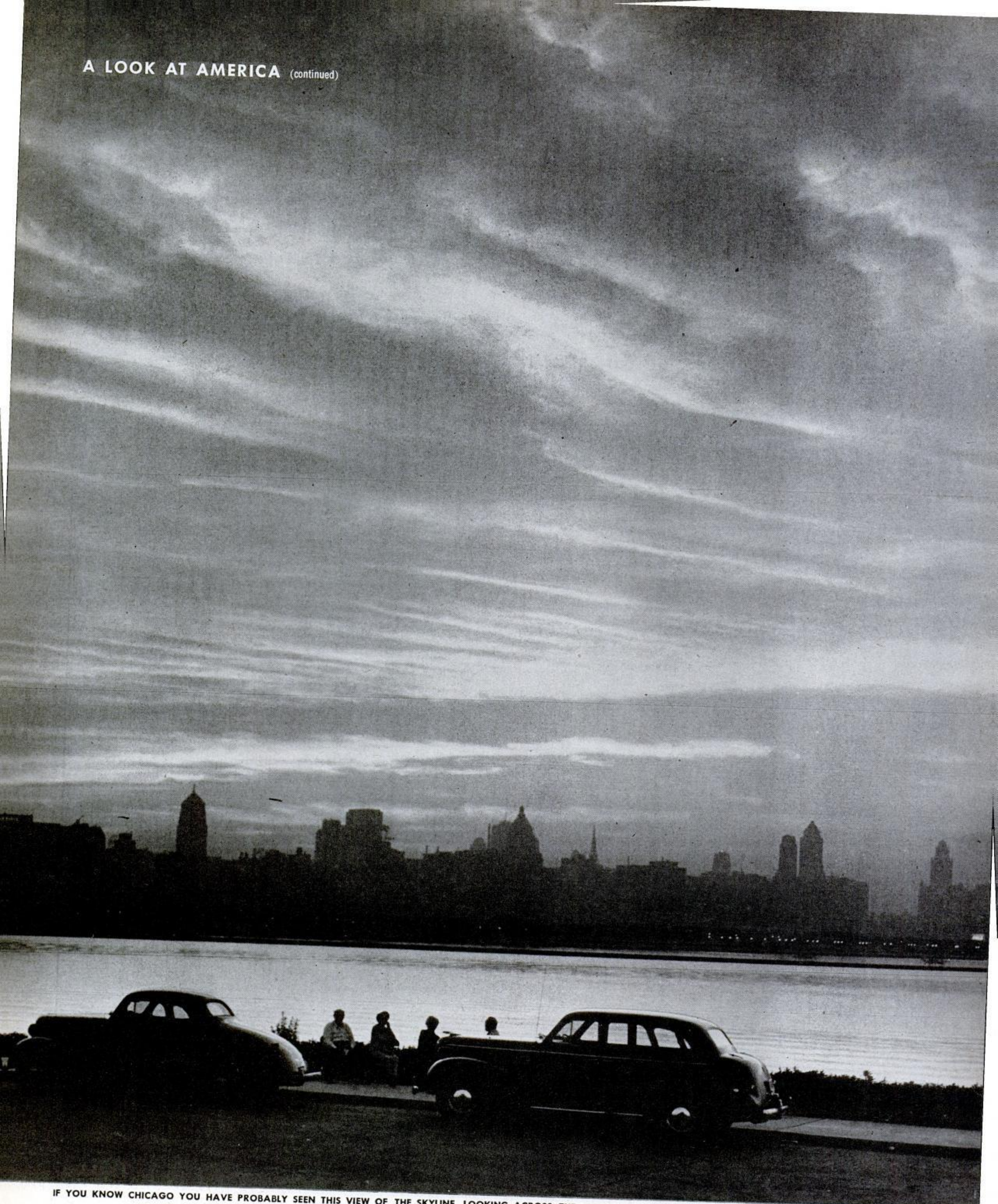
COMPANY, A SUBSIDIARY OF U. S. STEEL. IN THIS WAR U. S. STEEL CORP. ALONE PRODUCED MORE STEEL THAN GERMANY, OUR PRINCIPAL ENEMY. IN BACKGROUND IS MCKEESPORT, PA.

Pearl Harbor after starting from practically nothing.

All of this has cost a colossal amount of money. Total U. S. war expenditures since January 1942 have been 191 billion dollars. Fifteen billions went into 1,200 new war plants which the government put up all over the country and which will be one of our greatest

problems when peace comes. Advertisers have been telling you about the wonderful automobiles and refrigerators you are going to have after the war, but it will take some time to reconvert the factories and produce those things on a grand scale. No reconversion to speak of has begun yet. The Ford Motor Com-

pany is planning to start a trial production line, and make a few new cars soon. The first cars the automobile companies turn out will be the familiar models you saw when you went away. Prices at first will be higher than they were in 1941 though Ford is talking about selling a low-priced, stripped-down, gadgetless model.



IF YOU KNOW CHICAGO YOU HAVE PROBABLY SEEN THIS VIEW OF THE SKYLINE, LOOKING ACROSS THE SHORE OF LAKE MICHIGAN FROM THE ADLER PLANETARIUM. CHICAGO HAS

THE MIDWEST HAS BEEN WORKING HARD

So many of you are from Chicago and the Middle West yourselves that it is almost superfluous to tell you that they have been doing a mammoth job in the war. Aside from raising food (*see p. 44*), and buying bonds and giving blood, the Middle West has done a tremendous share of all U. S. war production. The biggest airplane-

engine factory in the world (Dodge Brothers Corp.) is now located near Chicago. The biggest cartridge plant in the world is in St. Louis. The first B-29s to bomb Japan were made in Wichita, in a Boeing factory that was a wheat field less than three years ago.

The Republicans are counting on carrying most of

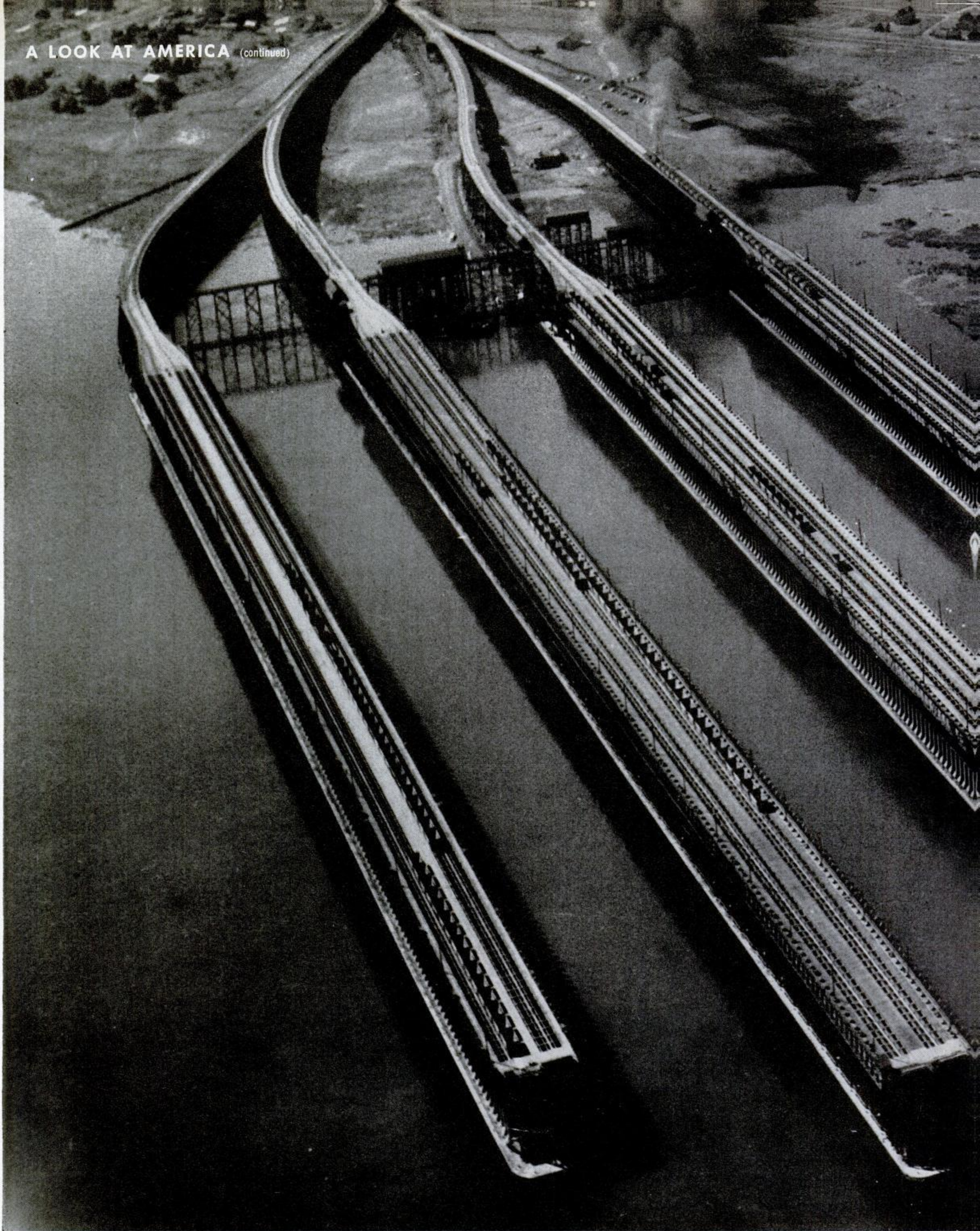


SKYSCRAPERS, TOO. BUT HERE THEY SEEM DWARFED AND LONELY UNDER BOUNDLESS MIDDLE-WESTERN SKY WHICH STRETCHES ON OVER FLAT FARMLANDS AND PRAIRIES BEYOND CITY

the Middle West for Tom Dewey this fall. The farmers there are prosperous and many have turned against the New Deal. The big election fight will be between farm and small-town voters who will mostly go Republican and the big-city and organized-labor vote which is largely pro-Roosevelt. Traditionally the Midwest is

the headquarters for what we used to call U. S. "isolationism," but the war has made a difference in that. Middle Westerners still think in terms of American peace and security first of all, but they are thinking of the rest of the world, too. The thing they are most agreed upon is that some way must be found to pre-

vent the outbreak of war even if force must be maintained and used against aggressors. Gallup polls for the nation as a whole show that three out of four Americans insist that the country take an active part in world affairs. They also think the U. S. should hold on to all the islands it takes away from the Japanese.

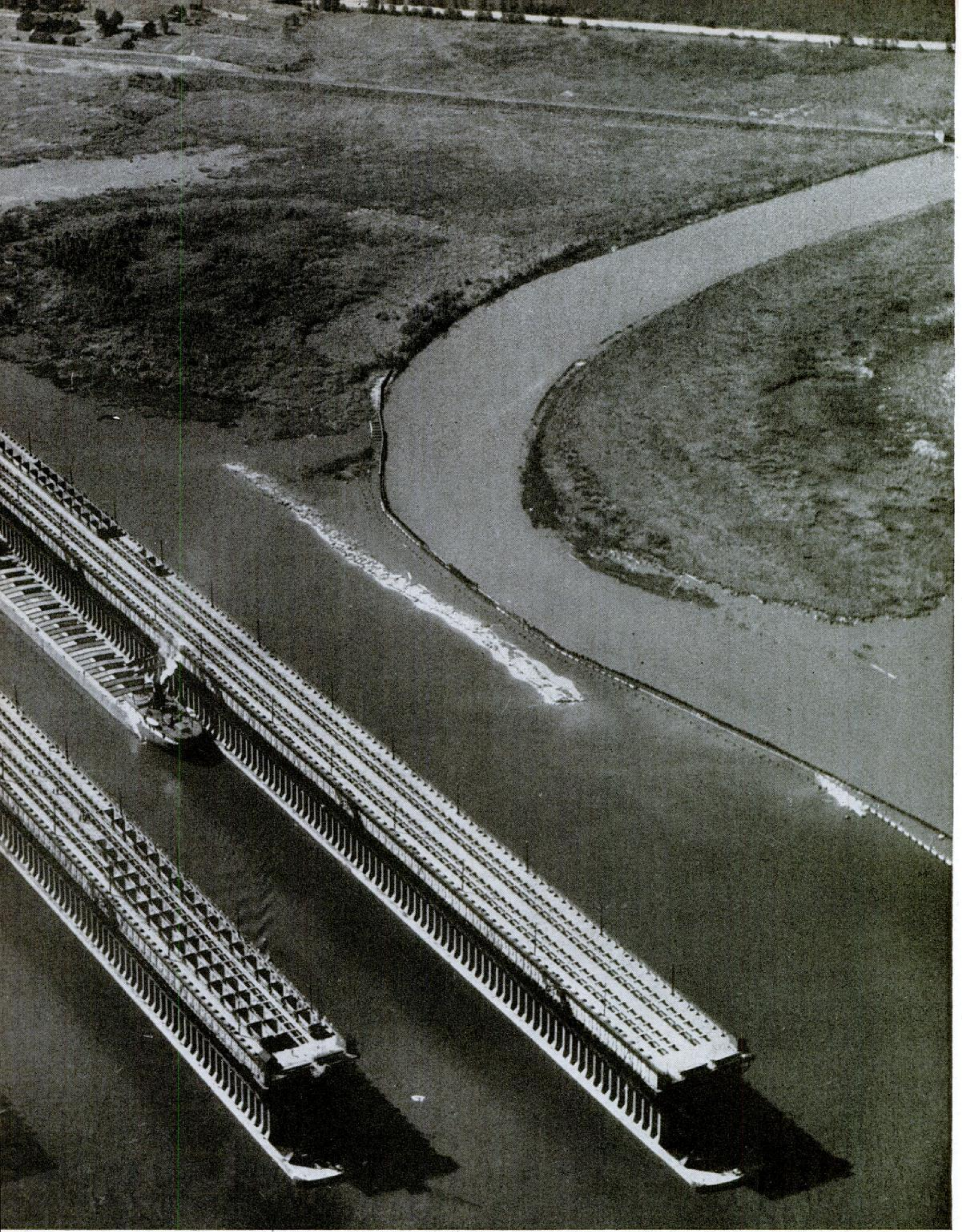


THESE ARE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY IRON ORE DOCKS AT SUPERIOR, WIS., BIGGEST ORE DOCKS IN THE WORLD. THEY HAVE 1,352 POCKETS WHICH HOLD 441,800 TONS OF ORE

SHIPS AND TRAINS MOVE VAST LOADS

Our American transportation system has done a miraculous job, too, in helping you fight the war. The picture above shows just one small but important unit in that system—a Great Lakes ore boat being loaded at the long dock at right. At the land end of the dock a little pusher engine is puffing up with another load of cars

from which ore will be unloaded into pockets in the dock and then poured through spouts into the hatches of the ship. These docks alone have been sending over 25 million tons of ore a year to eastern steel cities since Pearl Harbor. The total freight moved by American shipping inside the country since then has reached the

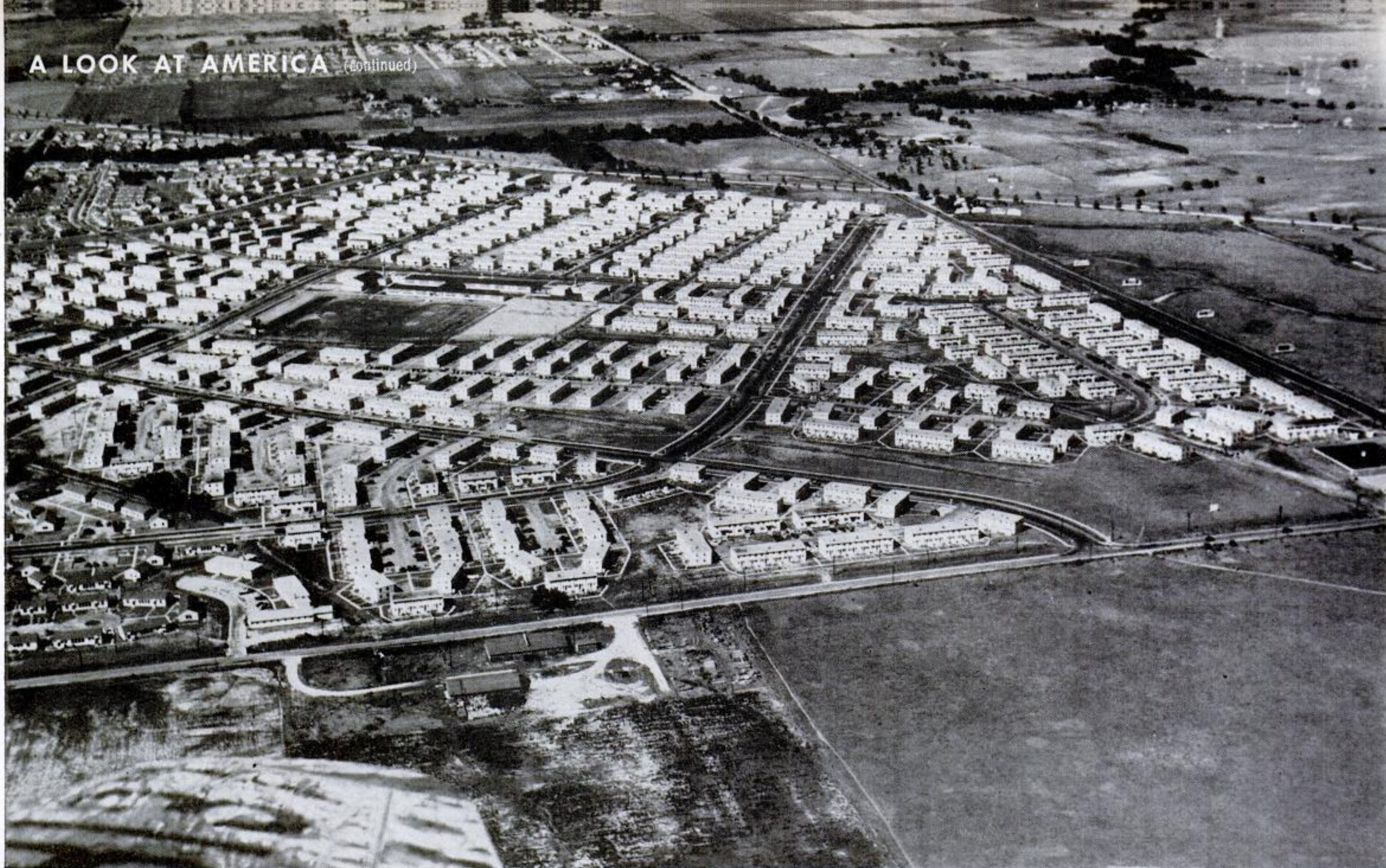


AT A TIME. THE PEOPLE OF DULUTH, ACROSS THE HARBOR, CALL THEM "THE NECKLACE." WHEN THEY ARE LIGHTED UP FOR WORK AT NIGHT THEY SPARKLE LIKE JEWELS IN THE WATER

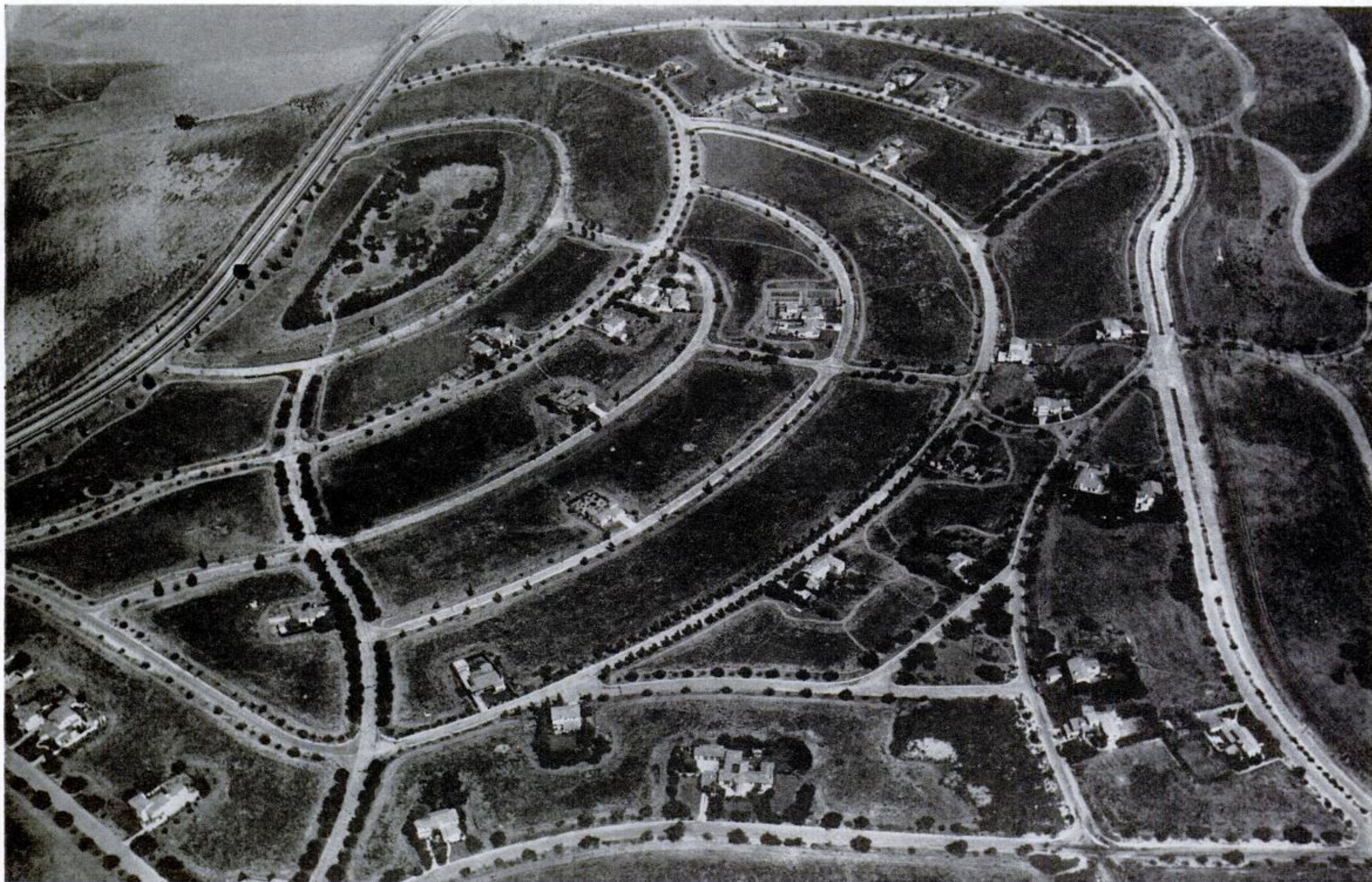
huge figure of 486,000,000 tons. Outgoing cargo, mostly stuff you needed on the fighting fronts, totaled 62 million tons last year and is even heavier this year. American railroads have sent many of their skilled men overseas to run military trains and have seen many more go into uniform to fight. But in spite of

this and other shortages they have set an all-time record in moving mountains of wartime freight. In the first six months of 1944 their loads totaled 833 billion gross ton miles, which is 106% higher than in 1939. The Pennsylvania Railroad is getting ready to haul even bigger loads after the war with a superlocomotive

which will pull 125 cars at 50 miles an hour or faster. One of the sure bets for after the war is a great increase in aerial transportation. Freight poundage carried by air reached 58 million in 1943, a 500% increase over 1939. And four big airlines are ordering 108 new transport planes for postwar routes in the U. S.



PLANEVIEW HOUSING PROJECT, NEAR WICHITA, KAN., WAS BUILT FOR WORKERS IN WICHITA'S BIG AIRPLANE PLANTS. IT HAS ATTRACTIVE HOUSES WITH RED, BLUE AND GREEN ROOFS



HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA IS A SUPEREXCLUSIVE SUBDIVISION OVERLOOKING THE PACIFIC OCEAN NEAR REDONDO BEACH, CALIF. PAUL MUNI AND MADELEINE CARROLL HAVE HOMES HERE

ROADS AND HOUSING MAKE NEW PATTERNS

Everybody agrees that there is going to be a tremendous building boom after the war, especially in homes and highways. The housing shortage is now so acute all over the country that it is estimated we will have to build 1,250,000 new houses a year for the next 10 years to catch up with the demand. (The biggest year

the U. S. ever had before was 1925, when 937,000 new houses were built.) Since July 1940, when an emergency housing program started, 1,840,000 houses and apartments have been built (mostly on a priority basis for war workers in overcrowded production centers) at the cost of six billion dollars. But that is a small



SUPERHIGHWAY ON LONG ISLAND IS ONE OF FIVE SERVING THIS PART OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK. IT HAS CLOVER-LEAF LOOPS, UNDERPASSES AT INTERSECTIONS WITH OTHER ROADS

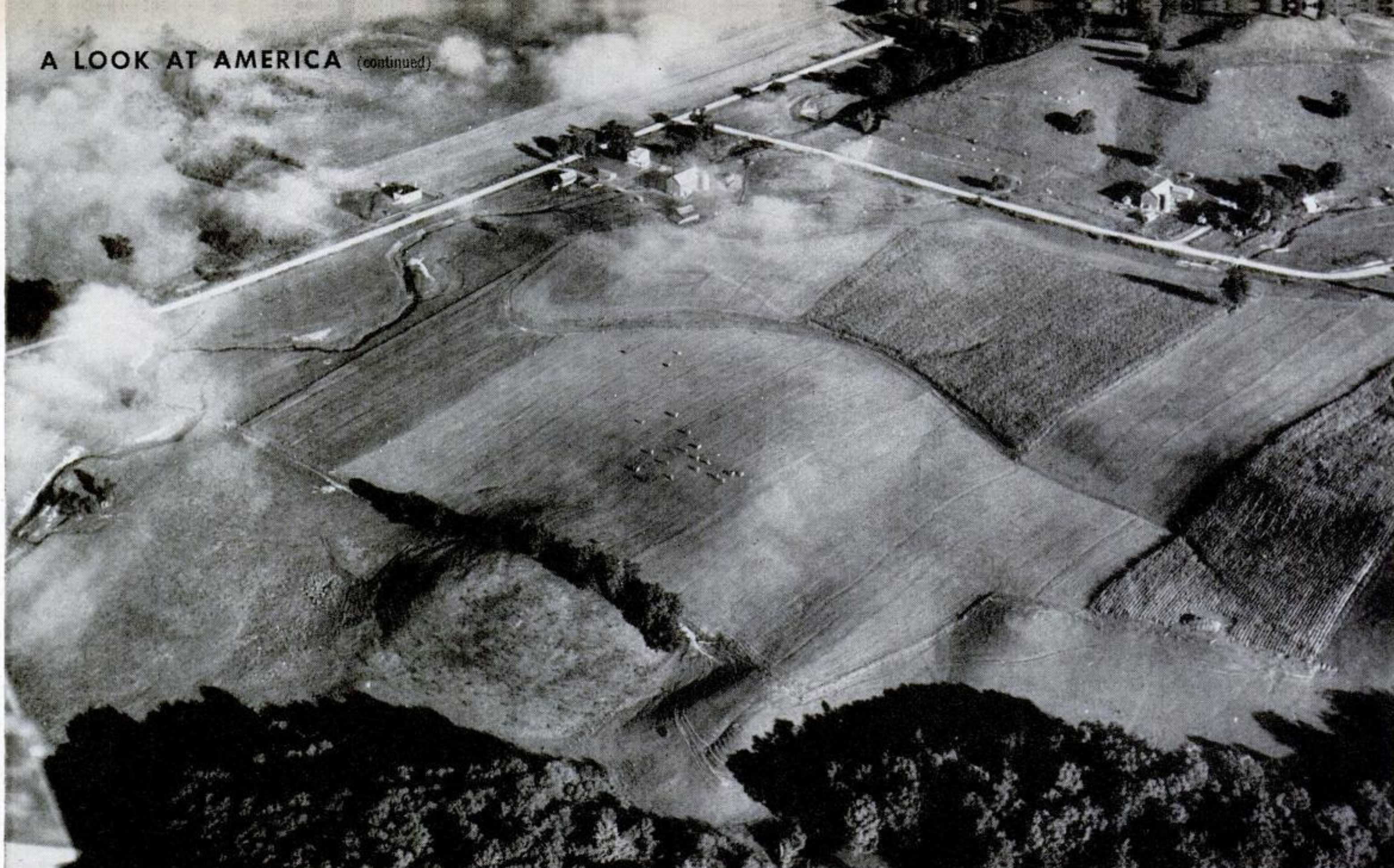


CHANNEL HEIGHTS WAR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT NEAR LOS ANGELES WAS DESIGNED BY ARCHITECT RICHARD NEUTRA. ITS 3,000 INHABITANTS INCLUDE MEXICANS, NEGROES, WHITES

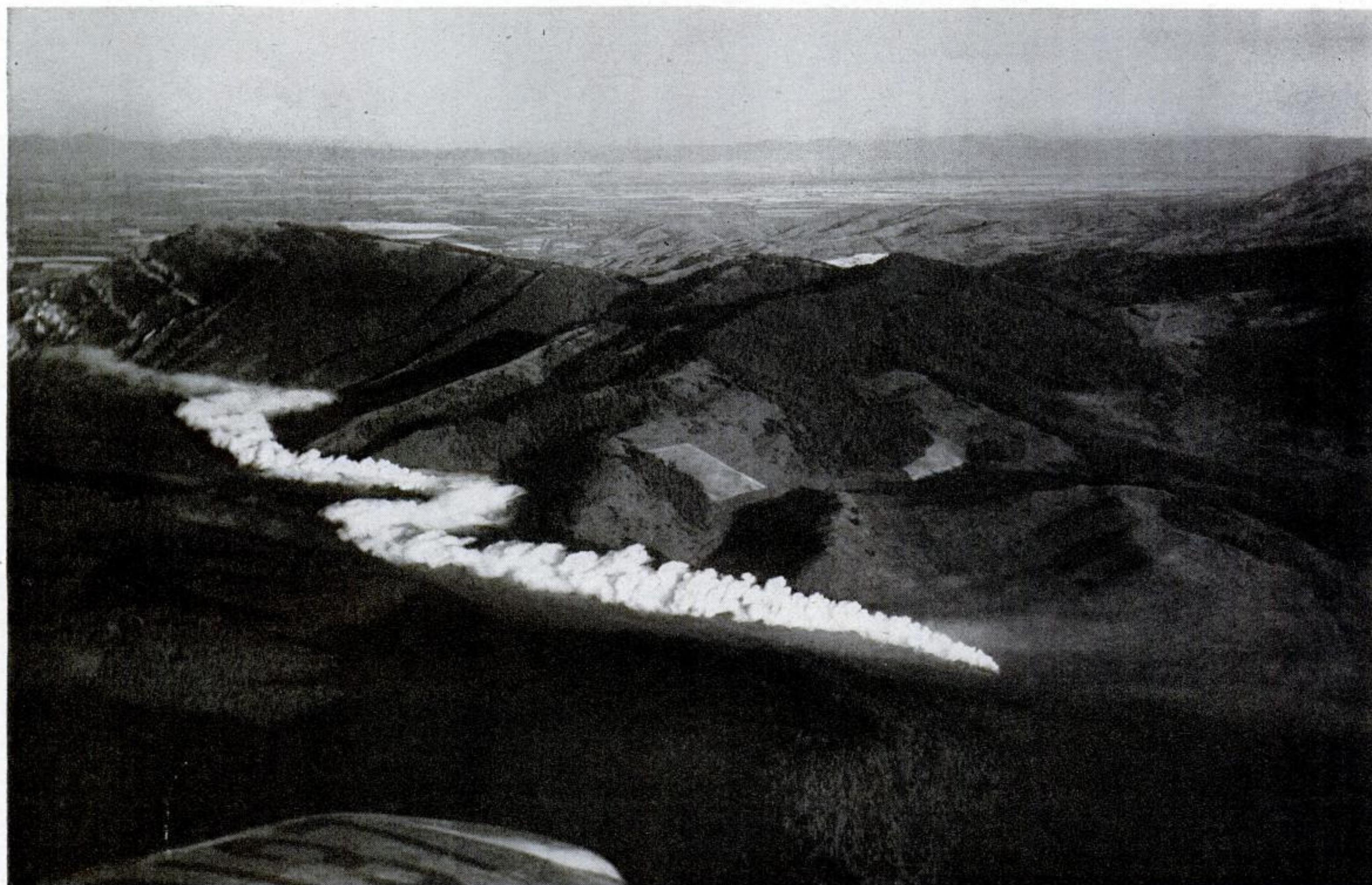
sum as compared with what will be spent after the war. One notion is that a lot of the postwar houses will be prefabricated in factories and eventually you will be able to buy them in department stores and have them delivered and set up. More likely, future homes will be grouped together in well-planned developments like

the wartime projects near Wichita and Los Angeles that are shown here. They will have trees, small parks close at hand and curving streets to keep traffic slow. Practically no new highways have been built in the U. S. during the war and our whole system is out-of-date for modern auto travel. We need more cross-

country turnpikes like the big highway in Pennsylvania and many fast through roads like the Long Island one shown above for our metropolitan areas. Washington and the states are working on a program calling for 34,000 miles of new roads, \$750,000,000 a year, and employment of two million persons just as a starter.



MORNING MISTS RISE FROM KICKAPOO RIVER JUST BEYOND THIS TIDY DAIRY FARM NEAR WILTON, WIS. COWS ARE IN PASTURE (CENTER) AND CORN STANDS IN EVEN ROWS AT RIGHT



A NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN CHUGS THROUGH MOUNTAIN PASS BETWEEN BOZEMAN AND LIVINGSTON, MONT. WHITE SMOKE FROM THE TWO ENGINES HANGS QUIETLY ALONG THE TRACK

AMERICA IS STILL A LAND OF BEAUTY

Early this month LIFE's photographer, Margaret Bourke-White flew across the country to get for this issue a report on what America looks like after nearly three years of war. She flew in a TWA plane with TWA pilots but went far off the usual airline routes. She saw many changes in the U. S. landscape—great

gashes in the earth where new airfields have been built, monotonous rows of barracks, factories springing up in the plains with mushroom clusters of houses nearby. Even the sagebrush country of the Southwest is marked by the concentric circles of bombing targets and man-made hummocks where explosives



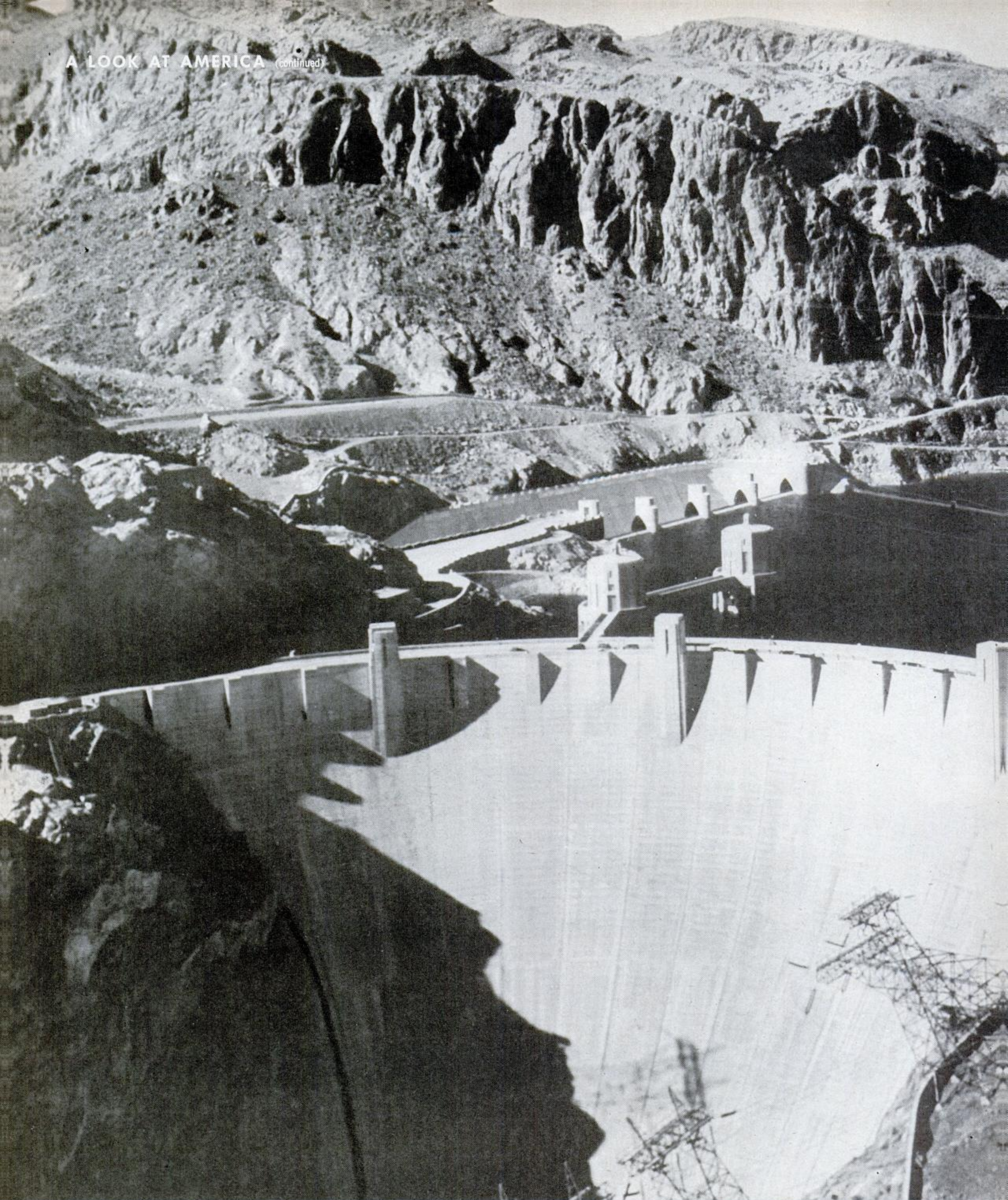
A TINY TUG PUSHES A BARGE 10 TIMES BIGGER THAN ITSELF DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TOWARD FOUNTAIN CITY, WIS., WHOSE HOUSES NESTLE UNDER THE BLUFFS IN BACKGROUND

are stored. Nearing Portland, Ore., the plane flew over a regular Broadway of lights—Henry Kaiser's shipyard hard at work.

But all these signs of war are constructive—not like the ghastly scars of combat you have seen abroad. And most of the things people in the LIFE-TWA plane

saw on their flight—the farms and mountains and rivers, even the oil derricks of Oklahoma and tiny cattle grazing in the Texas Panhandle—are not changed at all. Flying across Oregon one night they saw the moon rising red and big in the east while the last rays of sunset still clung low in the west. On the ground they

heard the trains with their lonely whistles wailing across the land. And once, when they stepped from their plane at Fargo, N. D., they were caught in a rush of air that was sweet with the smell of grain. For America, wherever you look, wherever you go, east, west, north or south, is still the most beautiful land in the world.

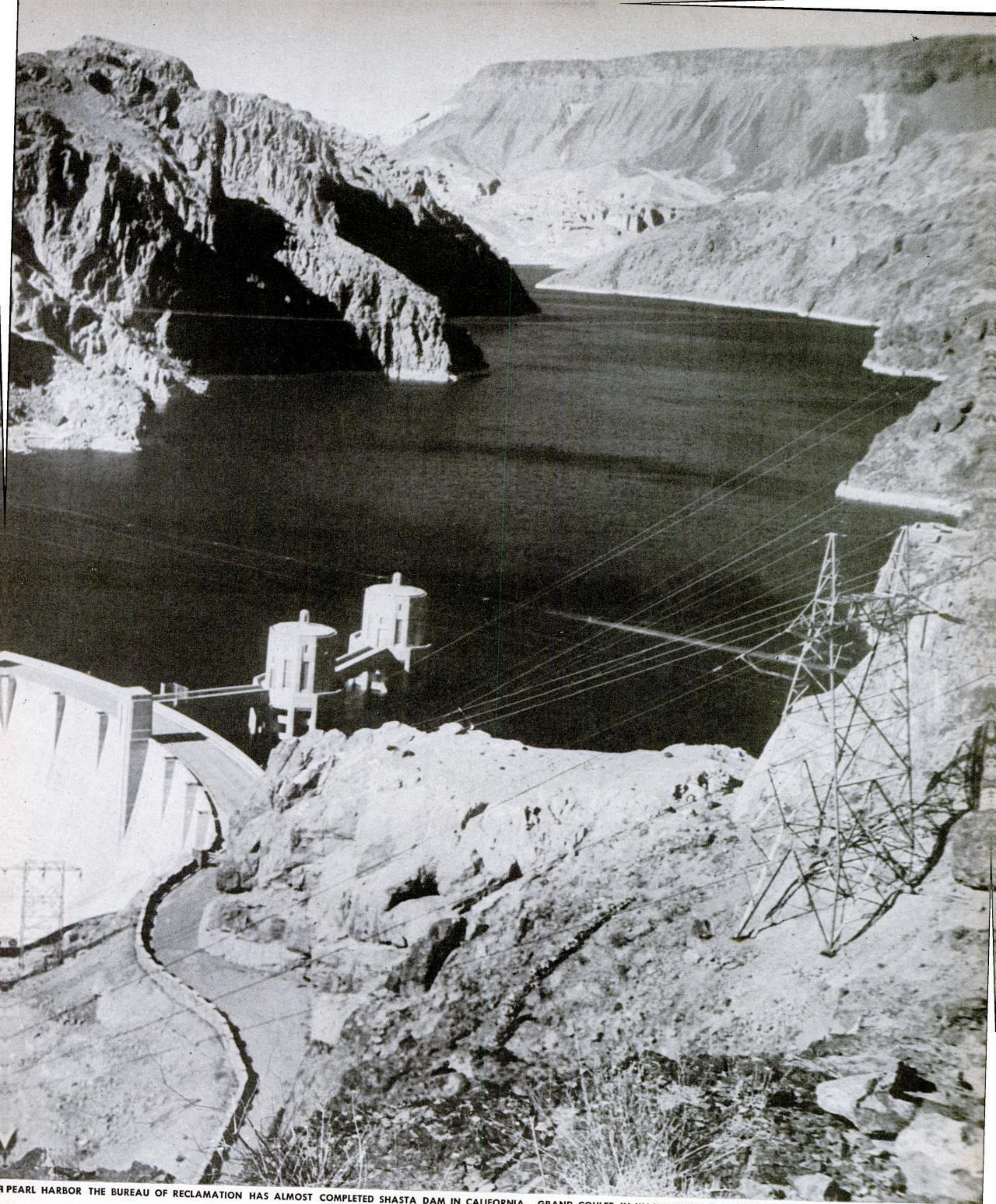


THE CONCRETE BASTION OF BOULDER DAM AND 115-MILE-LONG LAKE MEAD BEHIND IT ARE PART OF THE MAN-MADE LANDSCAPE WHICH IS CHANGING THE FUTURE OF AMERICA. SINCE

BOULDER DAM IS A LOOK AT THE FUTURE

You can get an idea of the kinds of projects that are possible in America by taking a good look at this magnificent photograph of Boulder Dam. Boulder is 726 feet high and stands squarely in the path of the Colorado River, the fourth longest in the U. S. Its power plant will eventually have a capacity of 1,773,000 hp,

which is more than enough to run the booming industries of lower Arizona and Nevada and pump irrigation water into two million acres of southwest desert land. Boulder was started by President Hoover in 1931. When it was completed in 1936 it was the biggest dam in the world. But already the U. S. has a bigger



PEARL HARBOR THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION HAS ALMOST COMPLETED SHASTA DAM IN CALIFORNIA. GRAND COULEE IN WASHINGTON IS FINISHED BUT NOT IN FULL OPERATION

one—Grand Coulee, which stands astride the Columbia River, in the State of Washington. Other big dams are being built in California, Colorado, Idaho, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Kentucky.

There are many other great possibilities waiting for action after the war—a Missouri Valley plan like the

TVA which would enrich most of the plains states, a whole series of new dams on the Columbia extending up to Canada, a harnessing of the flood-menacing Arkansas. All of this is important to you. For instance, one out of five of you, surveys show, want to own your own farm after the war. Around Grand Coulee the

government is getting ready to open 40-acre farms to veterans (80 acres if you have a family) from public land. It will cost about \$3,000 to buy the land, build a small house and get your tools. The government will immediately guarantee you a loan of \$2,000 under the GI Bill of Rights (*see p. 53*) so there will be no waiting.

SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS

GOOD SOLDIERS HAVE ALWAYS MADE GOOD CITIZENS IN AMERICA

Since its beginning the U. S. has had its full share of wars. Its birth agonies were protracted, its westward expansion brought it into conflict with Britishers, Indians and Mexicans, and its Civil War was the most tumultuous struggle of the mid-19th Century. In our own bloodiest of centuries, the 20th, Americans have fought all over the world. Yet every war we have ever had was fought by a citizen-soldier army, and after the shooting the doughboy, the Yank and the Continental has quickly shed his military psychology and reverted to amateur status.

This is as practically everyone in the U. S. would have it: we want to remain a civilian nation, and we want the veterans of this war, too, to become vital, productive parts of the civilian order again. This time, however, it may take a bit of hard scratching by comparison with the past. We were lucky in 1783, 1865 and 1918. Just how lucky is shown in a new book about those postwar periods. Dixon Wecter's *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*.

As Mr. Wecter shows with searching detail, the U. S. government has never done very well in planning for the vet. After the Revolution most of our demobilized Continentals were graybeards before they managed to cash in their warrants for Ohio soil. The boys who wore the Confederate gray in the Civil War were lucky to get home to their weed-grown farms with a spavined mule or a dollar in hard money, and it was not until years after Appomattox that small state pensions began to take care of the sick or indigent Johnny Reb. The Yankee veterans did better by themselves, for they could take up land under the Homestead Act but, aside from providing artificial limbs for free, the Federal government did little for a generation to give the Civil War vets an extra lift. Not until 1890, when Benjamin Harrison of the 70th Indiana Infantry was sitting in the White House, did the G. A. R. lobby get a sizable pension bill passed—an act that was likened to driving a “six-mule team through the Treasury.” And after World War I the National Grange combined with veterans’ apathy to beat the Mondell Bill, which would have made land available for reclaiming and ownership by demobilized troops. The first A. E. F. got little immediate help in reorienting itself in the ways of peace although schools and hospitals of the Veterans Bureau eventually made up for a bad start.

What Laws Can't Do

There is still a lot of fighting ahead before this war is over. But our soldiers and sailors have been winning so many victories of late that they have a right to start thinking about demobilization. And if any GI wants to feel that progress is on his side, he would do well to compare the GI Bill of Rights (see page 53) with the record of the past as it is outlined in Mr. Wecter's book. The GI postwar charter is munificence itself when put beside the post-Revolutionary or post-Civil War veterans' legislation.

But when the GI is dreaming in the mud

about the peaches and cream and the pin-up girls of peace, he should not kid himself about what legislation can do. Legislation cannot do much more than redistribute wealth that has already been created. In the last analysis the only guarantee for a veteran's future outside the Army is a prosperous and healthy civilian economy. The GI will have to pitch in and help make the wheels click if he wants to live on something more handsome than a dole.

This shouldn't be difficult. In the first place, the veterans will be the pick of the working force when they return, for nearly 70% of them are technically trained in radar, teletype, chemistry and military engineering and the like. And they will have the brawn that goes with the life they have been leading.

Even the U. S. Isn't Perfect

As every GI suspects in his less sentimental moments, this country that he will be coming back to isn't spotless. The whole nation has been churned up and dispersed by war. There is a racial problem smoldering under the surface wherever Negroes and whites are crammed together. Labor problems will seethe when controls are relaxed. We haven't decided on how to mix the philosophy of social security with the philosophy of free choice in the disposal of our income. At the moment the presidential campaign may seem listless, but the underlying domestic issues will flare in 1946 and 1948. And while the war has stimulated practical invention, much schooling and research have been lost forever because so many good scholars and researchers have been in uniform. As for the national debt incurred in fighting this war, the veteran will have to carry at least some proportion of it through his taxes.

During the past year or so the GI has had his gripes about us civilians. He has beefed about strikes, about orgiastic spending in nightclubs, about civilian complacency in general. Yet we civilians haven't done too badly. If we have seemed smug to a survivor of Tarawa or the Norman beaches, he should remember that it takes the genius of a Tolstoi or a Stephen Crane to imagine what a battle is like if you have never seen one. We have been working hard to turn out the materials of war and to keep things going. The women have pitched in magnificently. The 1943 figure for women working is a whopping 17,900,000. At present women constitute a third of the U. S. labor force and many of them are keeping up their homes as well as working. But if any GI is concerned about a woman keeping him out of a postwar job, he can solace himself by the poll conducted by the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, which indicates that 54% of the women now working want to quit when peace comes. And as for those soldiers who worry that their wives are forgetting them, they do not realize how badly they are missed. The welcome that awaits them should reassure them on that score.

As for strikes, there really haven't been many of importance. The man days lost through strikes between Dec. 7, 1941 and the present amount to one-tenth of 1% of the 22½ billion man days worked. Four times as many man days have been lost through injuries as through strikes.

The stories about lush spending on the home front are like the strike stories: they are true in isolated detail (see pp. 22, 23), but they don't matter much in the total picture. As a nation we have saved 100 billion dollars in four and one-half years. In 1943 individuals saved 33 billion dollars *after taxes!* People have been paying off old debts and getting the kids' teeth fixed. Although there has been some conspicuous waste, no ponderable profiteering has come to light, in spite of constant search by Congressional committees.

The money that has been saved can flood the channels of consumer spending after the war if fear doesn't dam it up. Assuming that the metaphysical problem of that fear can be licked, this nation can have a prosperity that will give every last veteran a job. We have been without civilian goods for the longest period in our history, and the people need cars, refrigerators, elevators, porterhouse steaks, laundry equipment, rubber dolls, aluminum pots, fishing tackle, farm machinery, slicker magazine paper, radios, typewriters, clocks. They need everything that is made of metal and practically everything that is made of wood, including homes and hotels. As for “reconversion,” there won't be any insuperable physical problem about that. A factory that has been canning food for the government can go on canning it for civilians just by changing the label. A steel mill or a textile mill won't be held up long by mere changes in the specifications for billets or cloth.

The Veteran's Part

The physical bases for a good life in a peaceful U. S. are here. It will be up to our veterans to help build on those bases. The civilians must do their part and they owe the veterans more than will ever be repaid. But if the veterans try to fob off everything on the stay-at-homes they will hurt only themselves. After the Civil War General Grenville Dodge's soldier-engineers didn't go around muttering about the “lost generation”; instead, they turned to and built the Union Pacific. And in 1865 General William Tecumseh Sherman, addressing his “beloved bummers, the veterans of the march to the sea,” said:

“Our favored country is so grand, so expansive, so diversified in climate, soil and productions, that every man may find a home and occupation suited to his taste . . . none should yield to the natural impatience sure to result from our past life of excitement and adventure. You will be invited to seek new adventures abroad; do not yield to the temptation, for it will lead only to death and disappointment. Farewell . . . You have been good soldiers. You will make good citizens.”

SOUPS WITH **IDEAS!**

HERE ARE TEMPTING DISHES TO GO WITH EACH SOUP

FIRST CHOOSE A NOURISHING SOUP

Remember that good soup contributes three things to the enjoyment of your meal: it stimulates your appetite . . . it's wholesome and easy to digest . . . it brings you important nutritive benefits.

So—in planning your meal, first choose your soup. Make it one of those on this page, for instance. Then glance over to the column on the right—next to the soup you've chosen—and pick your main dish from the suggestions to go with it. There are enough dishes listed so that you're pretty sure to find several of your family's favorites.

Then, with a salad, perhaps, and with something to drink and a dessert, why, there's your meal from start to finish—all planned!

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- SPANISH OMELET
- JELLIED SALMON AND
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- FRANKFURTER AND POTATO SALAD
- VEGETABLE PLATE WITH
STUFFED EGGS
- LAMB AND VEGETABLE HASH
- TOMATOES STUFFED WITH EGG SALAD
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THESE WILL BE SWELL*

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TOMATOES ON TOAST
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- CREAMED EGGS ON TOAST
- CHICKEN SHORTCAKE
- CREAMED SALMON AND PEAS
- TOMATO RAREBIT ON CRACKERS
- BACON AND EGG SALAD SANDWICHES
- SAUSAGE, BACON AND TOMATO GRILL
- CORNED BEEF HASH
- SCALLOPED HAM AND POTATOES

Campbell's VEGETABLE SOUP

"Aren't Sergeants Wonderful!"

SAYS GRACIE (4-IN-1) ALLEN 



GRACIE: George, aren't sergeants wonderful!

GEORGE: Uh huh. Oh, sure.



GRACIE: George Burns, you listen. I bet you don't even *know* that sergeants always tell the new soldiers about how Swan is four swell soaps in one!

GEORGE: You're imagining things again.



GRACIE: But, George, I *heard* this sergeant practically *shouting* how Swan is four swell soaps in one . . . wonderful for babies, bath, dishes, or duds!

GEORGE: You *actually* heard that, Gracie? Word for word?



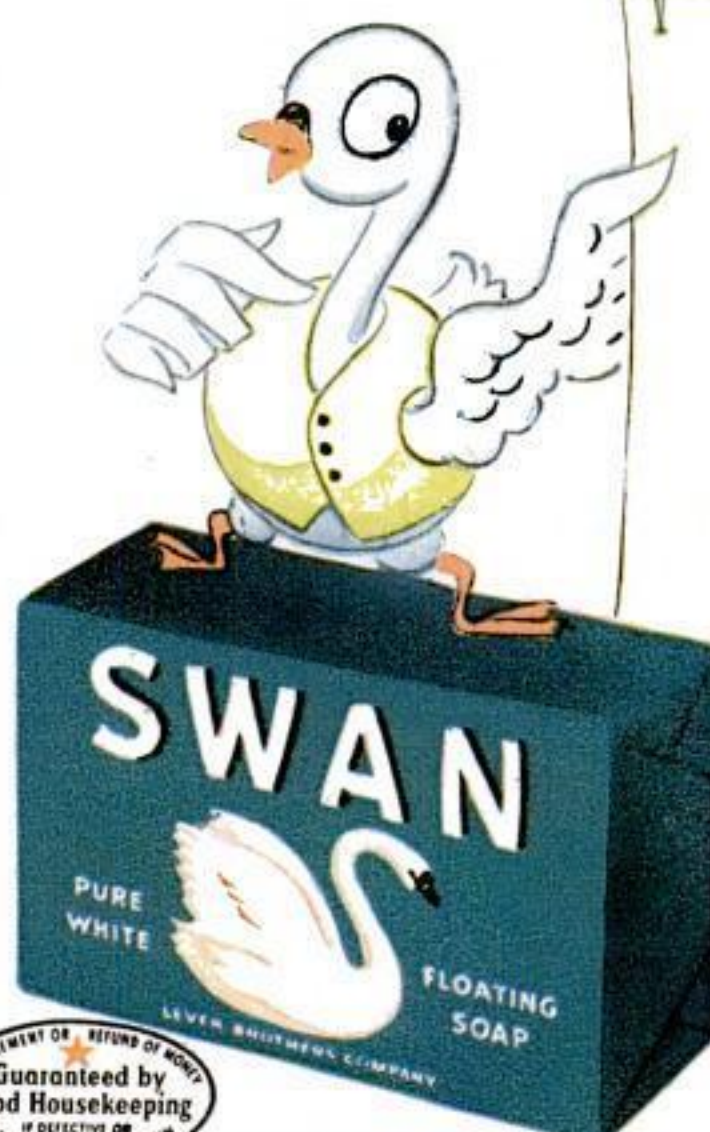
GRACIE: I most certainly did! Of course, he should have added that Swan is pure, mild, and sudsy. But he *did* say . . . that is, practically . . .

GEORGE: All *right*, Gracie, all *right*! Just tell me *exactly* what you heard.



GRACIE: Well, all the time they were marching, this sergeant kept yelling: "SWAN two three four! . . . SWAN two three four! . . . SWAN two three four!"

And, if that isn't saying that Swan is *four* swell soaps in *one*, I'm crazy! Or am I, George?



"Folks, it's really true that SWAN is four swell soaps rolled into wan!"

1. Swan's perfect for baby! Mild and gentle, pure as fine castiles!
2. Swan's a honey for dishes! Rich, creamy suds whip up fast, even in hard water.
3. Swan's wonderful for fine things! Helps keep precious duds like new.
4. Swan's grand for your bath. Lathers like sixty. Smells so clean and fresh!

Swan

4 SWELL SOAPS IN ONE



DON'T WASTE SOAP!

Train the family! Clip out these hints. Paste them on the bathroom mirror or over the kitchen sink. Keep a dish for soap ends handy.

1. Don't leave Swan in water. 2. Don't make more lather than you need. 3. Beware of a wet soap dish! Keep it dry. 4. Save Swan slivers; dissolve in boiling water to make a soap jelly; use for dishes, shampoo, etc.



"Tune in Tuesday, won't you folkses; Lots of laughter, fun, and jokeses!"

TUNE IN: George Burns and Gracie Allen, with Bill Goodwin—CBS—Tuesday nights Bright Horizon—Monday through Friday—CBS



CHARLES ELLSWORTH ("PEE WEE") RUSSELL, ONE OF TWO OR THREE TOP JAZZ CLARINETISTS IN WORLD, ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, IS SPECIALIST IN "GROWL" TECHNIQUE

SWING

TOP SONG HITS ARE
TUNEFUL, SENTIMENTAL

When America's fighting men sailed away in the months following Pearl Harbor, they went off whistling *Deep In The Heart Of Texas*, *Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree*, *Blues In The Night* and *Tonight We Love*. Untold thousands are still whistling and singing those hits of 1941-42, will probably come home still whistling them.

Yet here in the U. S. the housewife and the war-worker tap their feet to a new collection of popular songs. Top hits at the moment are sentimental and melodious rather than hot. Nine leaders last week were: *I'll Walk Alone*, *Swinging On A Star*, *Time*

Waits For No One, *Is You Is Or Is You Ain't, Amor*, *I'll Be Seeing You*, *It Could Happen To You*, *I'll Get By* (1929) and *It Had To Be You* (1924).

Though many big-name bands have toured the war theaters and many units have pick-up aggregations, no soldier who likes swing hears as much of it as he would like. Hot music is a native American institution and love of it is a national trait. Here at home there has been no dearth of swing. LIFE here presents portraits of a half dozen of nation's jazz artists. They topped their profession before Pearl Harbor. Their skill has not diminished with the passing of the war years.



In Australia they say: *"Bonzer"*

Australian women have always appreciated intrinsic beauty. That is why they prefer Kayser fashions, fit, and quality. And that is what has made Kayser "The One Brand Name That's a Grand Name the World Over in fabric gloves, lingerie, hosiery, and underthings."

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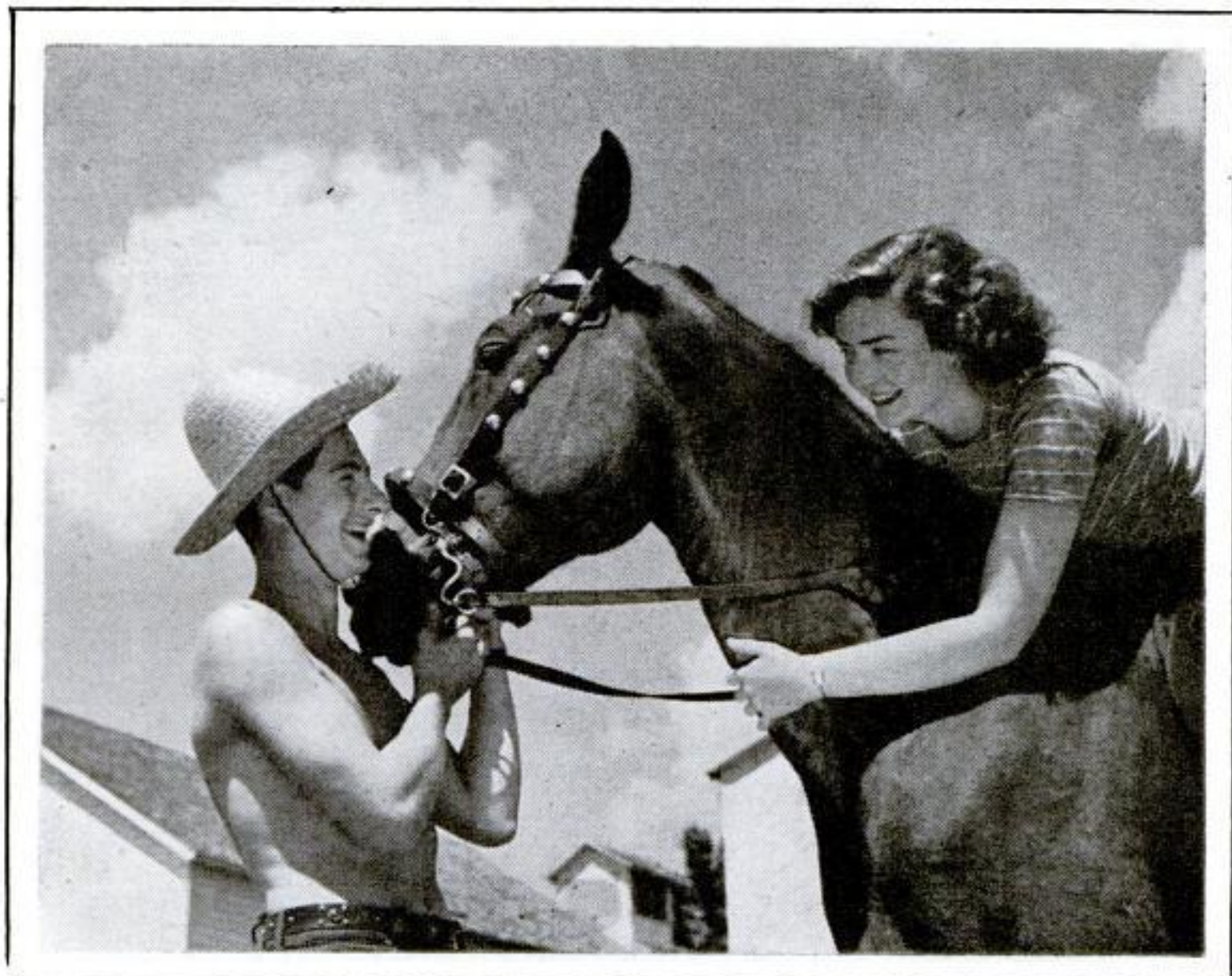


TROMBONIST VIC DICKENSON plays with Eddie Heywood at Three Deuces. Noted for barrelhouse style, he is regarded as one of the world's great trombone artists.



TENOR SAXOPHONIST LESTER YOUNG is a star soloist with Count Basie's band. He is probably the best tenor sax player out of uniform anywhere in the world today.

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Vacation beauties like this *make* an album . . . Ansco film *gets 'em!*



Happy moments make pleasant memories . . . on Ansco film.

What's *Jim Evans* got that you can have?

WHEN Jim Evans's first baby was born, Jim could hardly wait to start snapping pictures. He didn't know a thing about shutter openings, lens speeds, and such. That's why he asked an advanced amateur (like me) for some tips.

Just load with Ansco

"Look, Jim," I said. "Here's the only tip you need: Load your camera with Ansco, the film that remembers you're human."

Jim looked puzzled.

"It may sound like a riddle," I said, "but it's

really very simple. Here's the explanation:

"Ansco film has extremely wide latitude, which is just a hifalutin way of saying *margin of safety*."

"In other words, Ansco film helps *cover up* the little mistakes of exposure you're likely to make."

It's a lifesaver

"This latitude is a lifesaver for shutter snappers. But the funny thing is, even experts count on it."

That was enough for Jim. He used Ansco film, and batted just about 100% with swell snapshots right from the beginning.

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CAMERA NEWS! Postwar editions of our famous cameras like the PIONEER, the CLIPPER, the CADET will be better than ever. And we're planning some very important camera surprises. Keep your eye on Ansco!

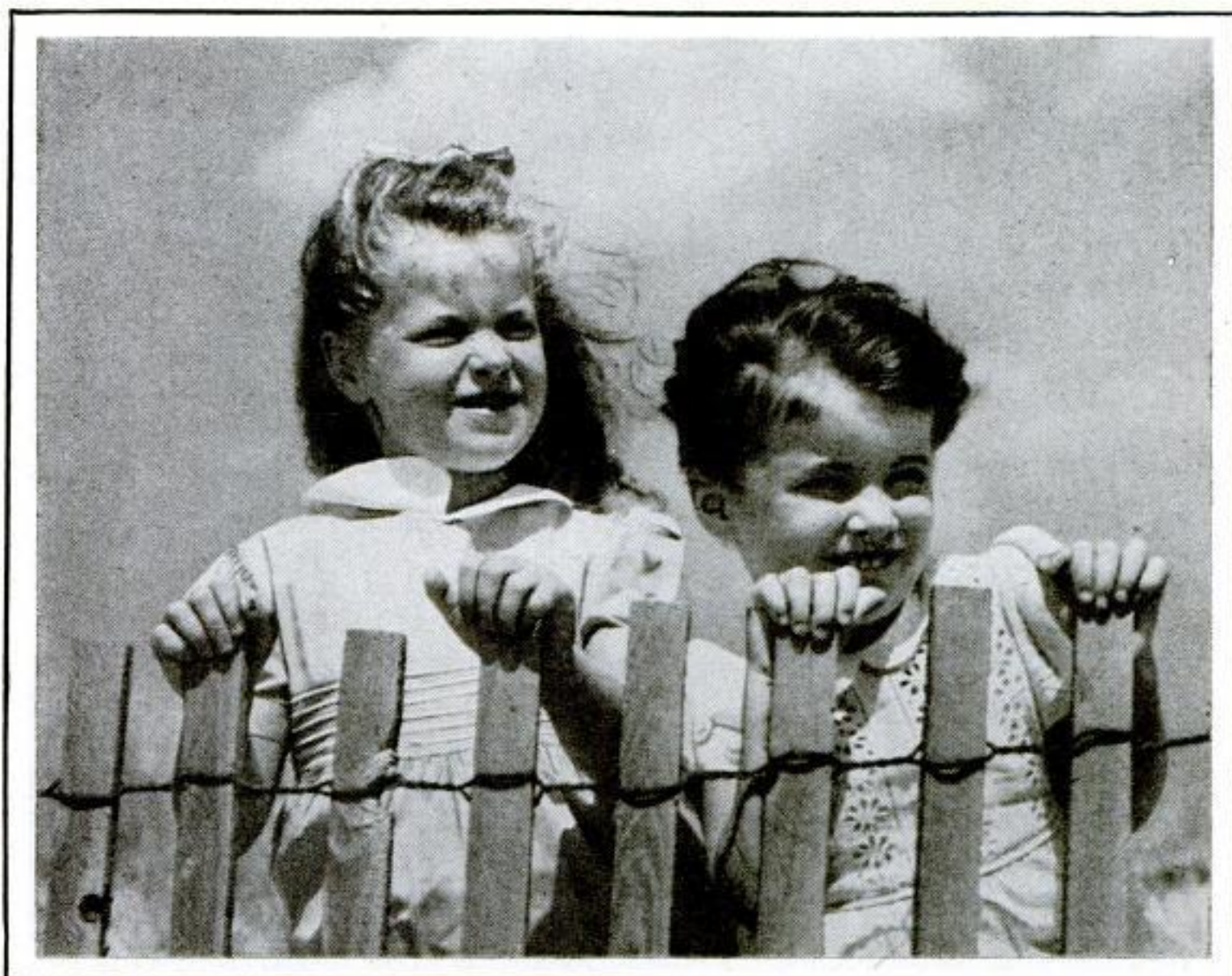


THE FILM THAT REMEMBERS
YOU'RE HUMAN

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Cold watermelon—and Ansco film—helped make this heart-warming shot!



And on *this* side of the fence . . . Dad with a roll of Ansco film.



*For all you know
you may be a Virgo!*



IF SO, you're a pretty nice person to know.

According to the Zodiac, people born under Virgo* are practical, clear-headed, optimistic, and loyal. What's more, you like good music and literature and nice clothes.

Which means you know all about Arrow Shirts... the perfect fit and expert needlework; the neck-flattering

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And by the way, even if you weren't born under Virgo, you'll find Arrow the finest-fitting shirt you've worn since you were this big! \$2.24 up. Made by Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.

Don't blame your Arrow dealer if he is out of your favorite Arrow Shirt. Considering war restrictions, he's doing a swell job! Try him later. Arrows are worth waiting for!

*Virgo period—Aug. 23 to Sept. 23. (A great time to buy War Bonds. Buy an extra one today!)

Arrow Shirts

SWING (continued)



GUITARIST EDDIE CONDON is renowned as an organizer of jam sessions. Strictly a rhythm man, he never solos, for hangovers uses "juice of two quarts of whiskey."



CORNETIST FRANCIS "MUGGSY" SPANIER is famous for his ripping style and great drive. A good baseball player, Muggsy sometimes works out with big-league teams.



BASS FIDDLER JUNIOR RAGLIN is a Duke Ellington virtuoso. When he plays he screws up his face as in pain. His ambition is to play harp in symphony orchestra.



... a new word meaning MORE and BETTER RUBBERS

YOU'VE come to appreciate the importance of a good pair of rubbers. Or rubber galoshes. Or rubber boots. Or rubber soles and heels . . .

When the Japs overran Malaya, they wanted us to lose our rubbers—permanently. They had the rubber plantations. That left us . . . *headwork*.

After planting America's first synthetic "rubber trees"—by producing the first butadiene from petroleum regularly supplied in quantity to our rubber manufacturers—scientists at the "University of Petroleum," Shell's research laboratories, have thought their way through another tough one . . .

We needed *something* to blend with synthetic rubber to make it workable . . . flexible yet enduring . . . for footwear and a lot of other rubber goods.

DUTREX is the name—yes, these scientists got it from petroleum, too! It belongs to a different branch of the great family of petroleum hydrocarbons—different from butadiene. But it also comes from an oil well.

Actually, with Dutrex, manufacturers are making rubber footwear as serviceable as ever came from a rubber tree. It's sweeping the industry—a "plasticizer, tackifier, extender and processing aid."

But why stop with footwear? Dutrex *hasn't*. It's overseas in the thick, soft sponge rubber lining of tanks—shock absorber for the crews—and in hard sponge rubber which keeps pontoons buoyant.

For yourself . . . footwear. Rubber garden hose? Rubber tires for your lawnmower? Sponge rubber for seat cushions? Chances are you'll meet Dutrex a dozen times a day from now on—without even recognizing it.

That's a remarkable characteristic of Shell Research—it starts with petroleum, and may lead to something you'd never recognize as remotely related to an oil well! Perhaps a *pair of rubbers*.



First oil refinery to win the Army-Navy "E"—Shell's Wood River Refinery

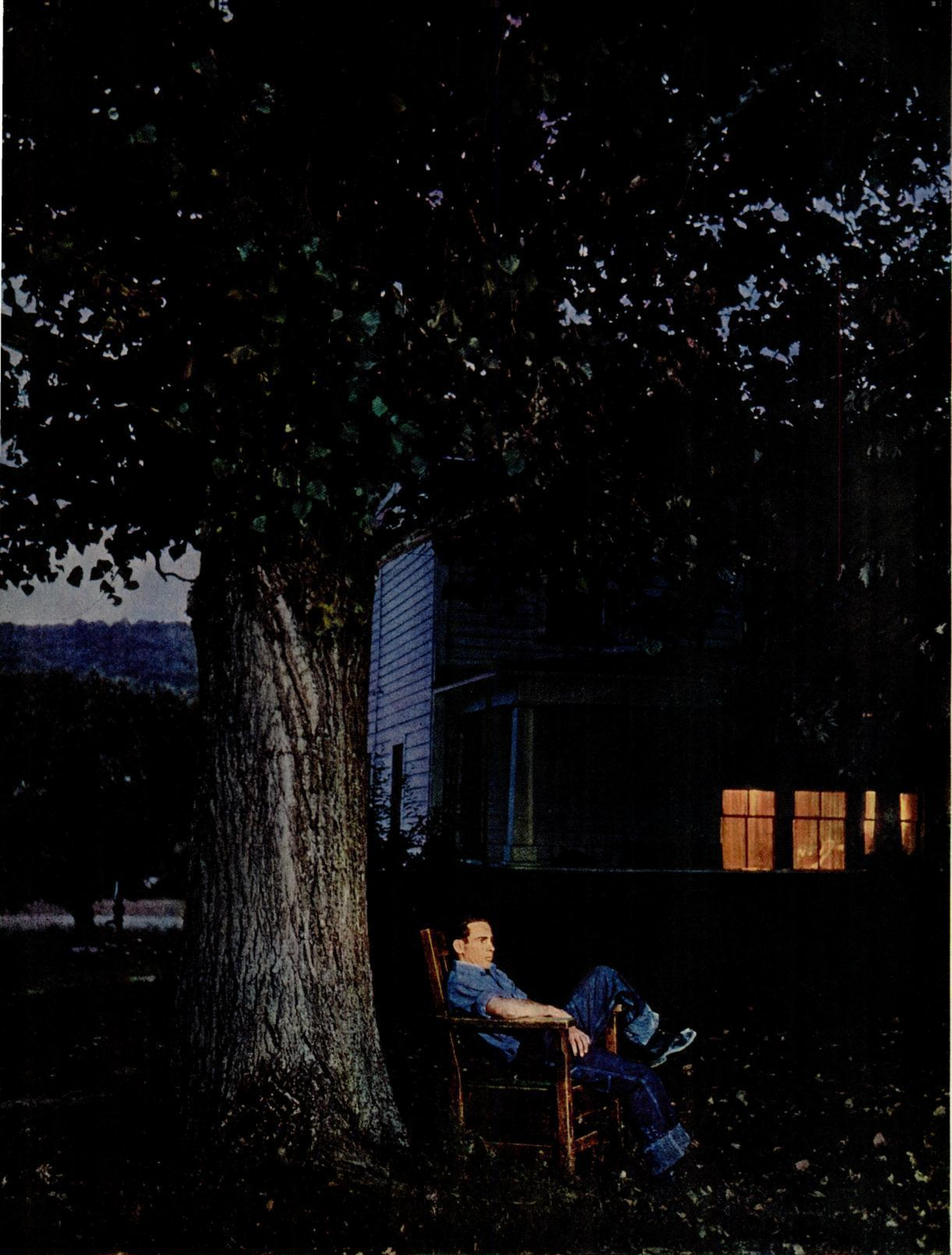


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Sword of Today

Plowshare of Tomorrow



EARLY EVENING on the farm, when the sun has just set but its last pale light still lingers in the west, is a good time almost anywhere in America. Inside the house the lights have

just been turned on in the parlor. Outside on the lawn, in the cool shadow of a big sugar maple, the weary farmer takes his twilight ease after a long hard day's work in the fields.



GOLDEN SWEET-CORN EARS, STRINGS OF CRISP ONIONS AND SMALL YELLOW PUMPKINS DRY IN THE SUN AGAINST THE WEATHERED BOARDS OF AN OLD CONNECTICUT BARN

FARMS THEIR WARTIME HARVESTS ARE THE GREATEST THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN

One of the big items of news here at home is the all-time record of food production that has been achieved by American farmers. American industry has been setting all kinds of records in this war and you probably have heard a lot about the mountains of tanks, planes, ships and other weapons that have been turned out. But you ought to know something, too, about the mountains of food which American farms have produced since Pearl Harbor—a greater supply than any nation at war has ever had at its disposal. This fall, for instance, we are just getting final reports on the biggest wheat crop in U. S. history—1,115,402,000 bushels gathered from the Texas Pan-

handle to the Canadian border, and large enough to supply all war, civilian and export needs without touching reserves. The corn crop will be 3,100,000,000 bushels, which is second only to the wartime harvest of 1942. It has been a wonderful year for fruit. There will be 72 million bushels of peaches, 122 million bushels of apples, 29 million bushels of pears, 2,758,000 tons of grapes and 142 million pounds of pecans. During August alone American cows gave 10.4 billion pounds of milk and American hens laid 4 billion eggs, and meat production during 1944 will include 19.4 billion pounds of beef and 13.3 billion pounds of pork, bacon and ham. Altogether the 1944

harvest will give the farmers at home their greatest cash return in history—more than \$10,270,000,000 in the first seven months of this year.

The outstanding fact is that the American land has been proven once again to be a land of almost unlimited plenty. New England and New York, where most of these pictures were taken, have some of the prettiest farmland in the U. S. But all the land produced this year—from the muck-crop counties of Indiana to the broad bottoms of the Wisconsin and the black loam of Iowa. Even in the flinty Ozarks some farmers had a good year and in the prairie land of the Dakotas they had one of the best years ever.



MILK CANS wait their turn for duty in a whitewashed shed on a small New England farm. U. S. farmers have done their enormous job of food production despite wartime shortages of tools, fertilizer, feeds and labor. Of 11,000,000 men now in the armed forces, 1,100,000 were pre-

viously engaged in farming. This has left a great gap on most farms. Occupational deferments for agriculture have been given to 1,693,000 and there are also 700,000 4Fs now working as farmers. Old folks and kids did a lot of the work and somehow they have gotten the crops in.



THE LILY POND in this rocky New England meadow is not just a pretty ornament or a place for the cows to drink. The farmer who owns it has fertilized it (with commercial fertilizer) just as he would his fields, and it now produces a big crop of pickerel and other food fish for

his table. Fertilized ponds grow more and bigger fish because the fertilizer increases the supply of algae which feed small water animals and insects which in turn feed the fish. The meat shortage we had a year ago has taught a lot of people new tricks about raising and using food.



IN THE EAST, where these pictures were taken, it has been very dry this summer. The Middle West (*see p. 50*) and the Great Plains generally have had one of their wettest years. You have heard stories about farmers who used tractor gas for pleasure driving and farm work-

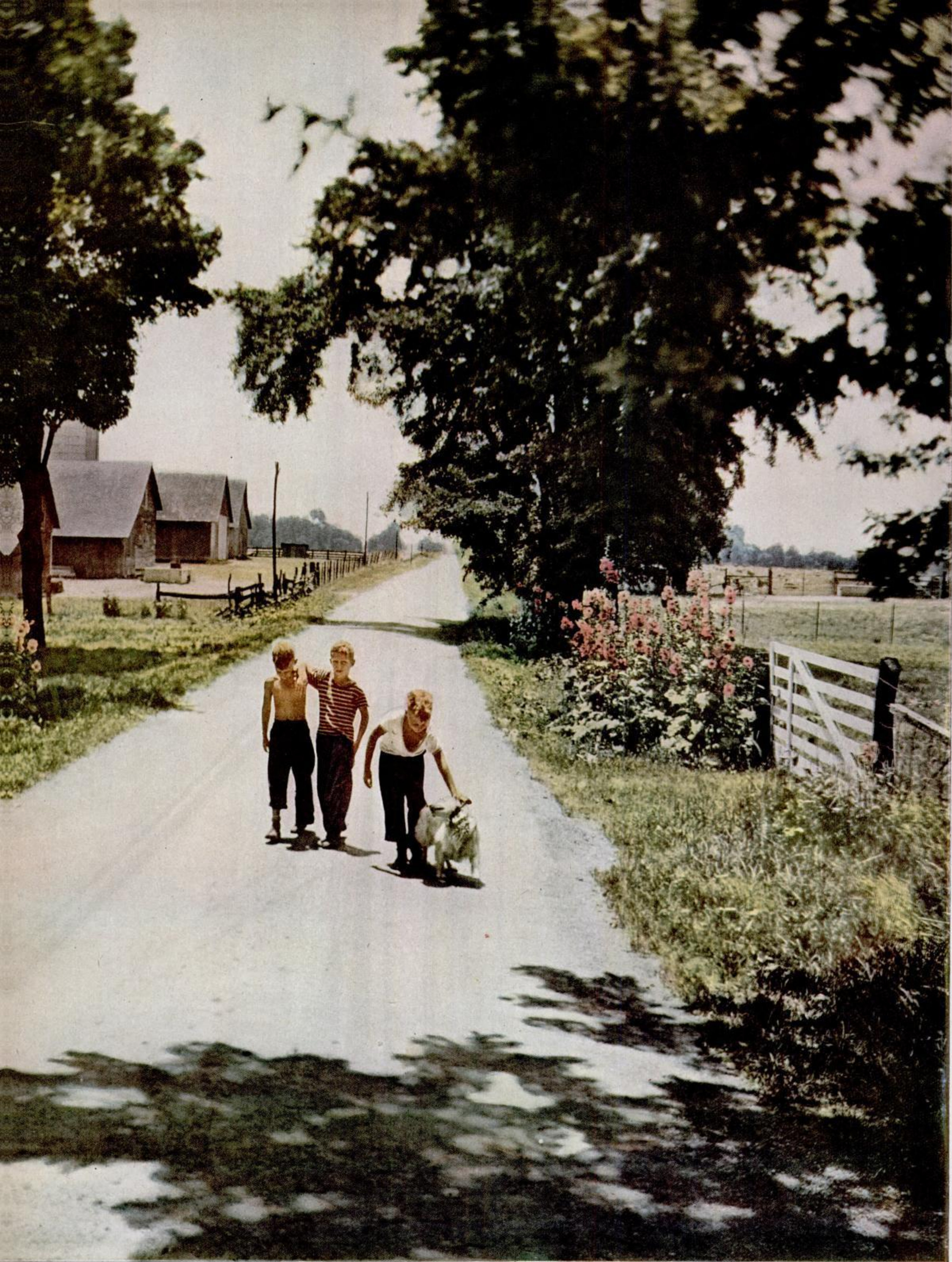
ers who rushed off to war jobs in the city. Some of them are true. But most farmers, like young Carl Wood on the opposite page, have stuck to their jobs and worked hard, running tractors under lamps until midnight when they couldn't get their work done by day.



PUTTING THE HORSES AWAY is a familiar chore to every farm-raised boy. After the heat of the day is past and fresh-cut hay has been gathered from the fields, it is a pleasant thing to unhitch a team of bays like this and walk along a shady lane to the watering trough.

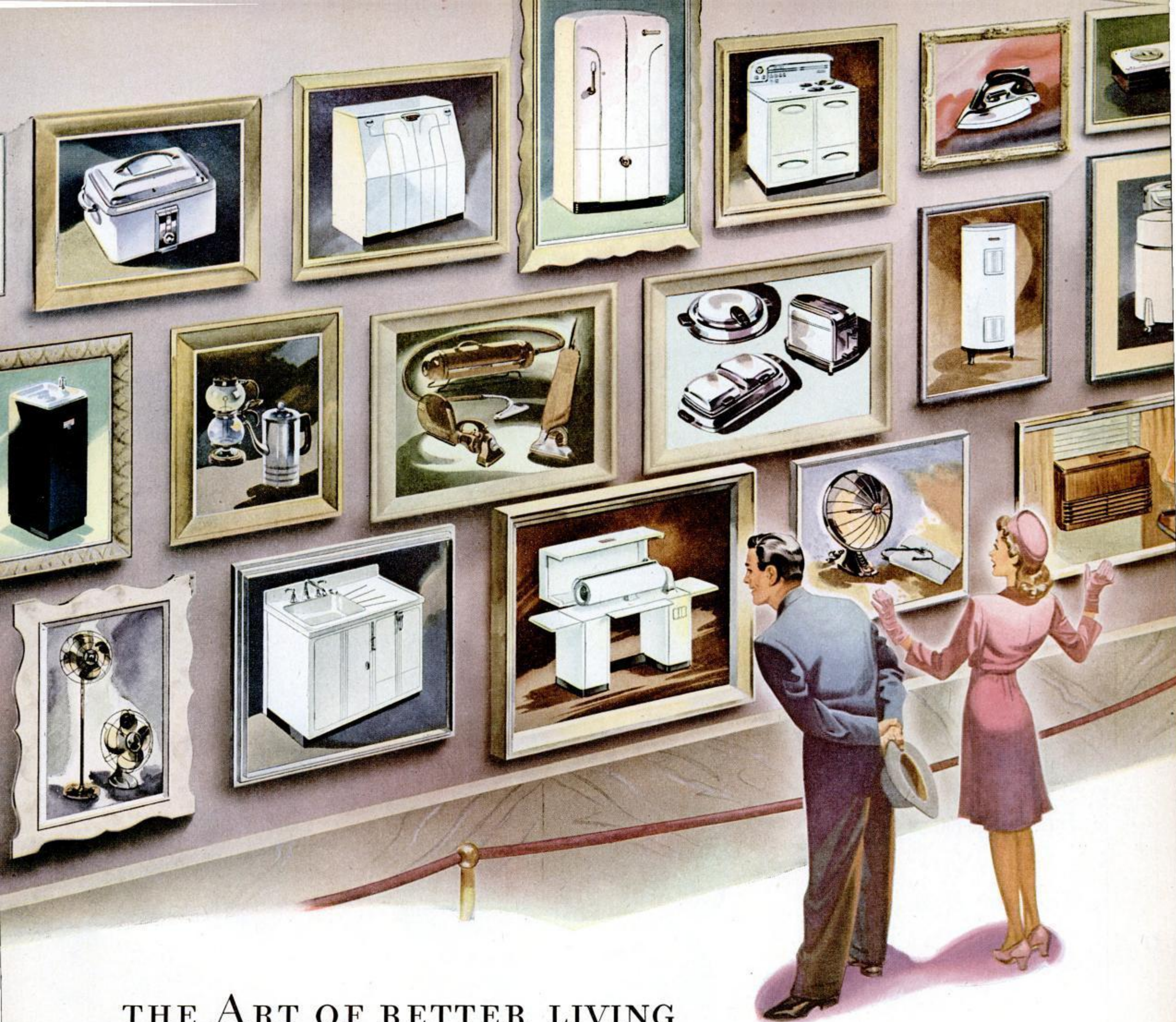
THE FARMER'S SUMMER DAY begins at 5 a. m. when the cows are brought in for milking and the grass in the meadow is still drenched in dew. Carl Wood, shown in these pictures, farms 214 acres near Horseheads, N.Y. He was state 4-H Club total-achievement winner in 1943.





BACK HOME IN INDIANA hollyhocks make vivid color splashes along a road outside the village of Boggstown. Some such scene as this inspired James Whitcomb Riley, beloved poet

of Indiana and boyhood, to write (in *The Old Swimmin'-Hole*): "How pleasant was the journey down the old dusty lane, Where the track of our bare feet was all printed so plane. . ."



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WHEN YOU COME BACK

HERE ARE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE

When this special issue of LIFE was being planned Photographer Carl Mydans asked Lieut. General Mark Clark in Italy what should be in it. He answered, "The man overseas wants to know only one thing: what provisions are being made for his return to normal living."

A former LIFE editor, now a colonel in England, expressed the same sentiments. "The emphasis should be on the postwar job angle. The ideal letter from home should tell just what the cold dope is. The soldiers I talk to are pretty worried. They want to know how the hell they're going to eat after the war."

This article is not an attempt to guess the future. It merely explains what is being done at home for the returning servicemen. In the broader field of postwar security the future of the veterans depends 1) on the future of the country itself and 2) on the ability of each individual veteran to make his own future in a peacetime, civilian world. If the country is prosperous, the veteran—whether he be farmer, worker or businessman—will probably eat well. If the country gets into another depression, then the veteran—along with everybody else—may well go broke.

But this much can be said to all veterans:

The federal government, state governments and private groups of all kinds have built up for you a comprehensive program of benefits which is by far the best and most thorough ever planned. Officials of veterans' organizations say that the veterans of World War II will have, on discharge, all the things the veterans of World War I fought 20 years to obtain. If as a veteran you want to start a business, the government may help you borrow money. If you want a job it will help you find one. If you are young it will educate you. If you are wounded it will treat you and rehabilitate you. If you are incapacitated it will take care of you.

Below and on the next few pages are a selected list of questions about veterans' benefits most commonly asked by men in the service. Each of them is answered as authoritatively as possible.



What are the Army's plans for demobilization?

This is the \$64 question, the one everybody is asking. "When the hell do I get out?" The answer is, "Unless you are very lucky, not for quite a while yet."

Present plans indicate that about 1,000,000 men will be discharged from the Army after Germany surrenders, but that the other 6,700,000 will be kept at their posts or used against Japan. Men with overseas service and dependent children will have priority on discharges. To carry out this plan of priorities the Army will distribute rating cards on which you will mark number of months in service, amount of overseas service, combat record including awards and number of dependent children. Credit points will be given for each of these factors and your total score will determine your place on the discharge priority list. Special credit will be given for medals. No matter how many points you amass, however,

you will not be discharged if you are considered essential to the Pacific war.

At present the Army estimates it will take a year after Germany's surrender to bring home and demobilize the soldiers now in Europe who are eligible for discharge. The only serious limiting factor on the return of veterans will be shipping. Soldiers are not going to be brought home when ships are needed to transport men and supplies for the intensified war against Japan.

Most of the European occupation army will be made up of new draftees and troops with little home or overseas experience.

If you are eligible for discharge you will be sent from a debarkation port to the Army "deprocessing center" which is nearest your home. Five of these centers have already been set up: at Fort Dix, N. J.; Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort McPherson, Ga.; The Presidio, Monterey, Calif. Before large-scale demobilization sets in, many more will be set up in each of the nine service commands.



What are the Navy's plans for demobilization?

Last week Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal said there will be no demobilization of the Navy when Germany is defeated. "On the contrary," he said, "the Navy is expanding and will continue to expand. The Navy cannot demobilize until Japan is defeated."



What happens when I get discharged?

At the deprocessing center you will get back pay, a medical examination and discharge pay. If you served in the Army less than 60 days you will get \$100 in discharge pay. If you served more than 60 days but had no foreign service you will get \$200. If you served more than 60 days and had foreign service you will get \$300. Such pay does not go to officers over the rank of captain in the Army and Marine Corps or lieutenant, senior grade, in the Navy.

At the deprocessing center you will also be given train fare to your home. If you have a service-incurred disability, you will be eligible for a pension based on the amount of your disability. These pensions range from \$11.50 to \$115 a month and are calculated by taking the percentage of your disability expressed in dollars, and adding 15% to it. For instance, suppose you have a disability of 50%. You will get \$50 a month plus 15% or \$57.50. In addition there are special monthly pensions for extreme losses, like blindness. These may run as high as \$250 a month. All these pensions, incidentally, are free of state or federal taxes. To get them you apply to the nearest office of the Veterans Administration. Probably there will be a representative from the Veterans Administra-

tion at your deprocessing center. Ask to see him. He will help you fill out and file the necessary forms.

When you are discharged you must report to your Selective Service Board, either in person or by mail, within five days. This is required by law. Servicewomen, who were not registered by Selective Service, are not required to do this, but they may find Selective Service helpful in finding new jobs.

As soon as possible after discharge you should also get your records in order. Put either the originals or legal copies of the following in a safe place: service serial or file number, discharge papers, insurance policies, marriage certificate, birth certificates for self and family, Selective Service registration card, will. There will come a time, in asking for pensions or applying for a job, when such papers may be necessary.

Another thing you should do right away after discharge is to see about converting your National Service Life Insurance policy into an Ordinary Life, 20-payment Life, or 30-payment Life policy. The Veterans Administration will help on this also.

After you become a civilian again, you assume certain civilian liabilities—including back taxes, lawsuits for collection of debts, contracts, insurance premiums, etc. Once discharged, you have six months to get your things into shape before your present immunity is rescinded.



What is the GI Bill of Rights?

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, called the GI Bill of Rights, was signed by the President on June 22. It applies not only to men of the armed services but to women as well. To be eligible for its benefits you must have an "other than dishonorable" discharge.

The act's most important provision guarantees unemployment compensation. If you are out of a job you receive four weeks' compensation at \$20 a week for every month you were in the service up to a maximum of 52 weeks of unemployment compensation. For each of the first three months spent in service, however, eight weeks' compensation will be given. If you receive compensation from your state or other federal agencies, such amounts are subtracted from your \$20 a week. If you are partially employed you get \$20 minus any amount you may earn in excess of \$3. If you are self-employed and your net gain is less than \$100 a month you get the difference between \$100 and your actual net. To apply for this unemployment compensation you should communicate with the nearest office of the U. S. Employment Service. The time limit for application is two years after the end of the war or two years after your discharge, whichever is later.

The second provision of the GI Bill of Rights is a government guarantee of 50% of any loans up to \$4,000 made for the purchase of a home or a farm or the establishment of a business. The government's contribution is, therefore, not more than \$2,000 and is hedged about with certain re-



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strictions. The loans must be paid back in 20 years, the maximum interest paid must not exceed 4%, the properties for which the loan is floated must not be overvalued and, from the standpoint of personal integrity and ability to manage the home, farm or business, you must be judged a "good risk." To be eligible for these loans you must have served at least 90 days. The time limit for application is two years after the end of the war or two years after your discharge, whichever is later. Application should be made to the prospective creditor, who in turn should work through the Veterans Administration.

The only other important provision of the GI Bill of Rights is the one guaranteeing educational aid in the institution of your own choosing. To be eligible you must have been under 25 when you entered the service or, if over 25, must have been in school at the time of induction. In addition, you must have served 90 days or more. If you meet these requirements you get one year of financial assistance toward the cost of tuition and books, up to \$500 a year, plus \$50 per month subsistence if you have no dependents and \$75 a month if you have one or more dependents. Furthermore you will be eligible for more educational aid, beyond one year, equal to the exact time you spent in the service—up to a maximum of four years. In figuring your service record in this connection do not count time spent in the Army Specialized Training Program or in the Navy College Training Program. The best way to apply is directly to the school or college you want to attend. Time limit for application again is two years. Incidentally, at school or college, you must maintain a good academic standing.

Not a part of this act, but an old benefit granted to veterans since the last century, is an allowance of up to \$100 for burial expenses.



What plans have the schools for veterans?

Some schools and colleges have not changed their curriculum to take care of you and do not intend to. They believe it will be easier for you to fit into the regular routine of college life than to change that routine to fit so many individual requirements. The trade schools also hold these beliefs. Their courses are already condensed and highly adapted to specific needs. As far as they are concerned, prewar curricula will be maintained.

In some cases this insistence on regular routine has already brought trouble. At the University of Southern California, for instance, discharged veterans back at college are having a hard time adjusting themselves to school life. They resent fraternities which they consider childish. They object to having to take such courses as Hygiene and Health, Behavior of Modern Society, and Principles of Learning. They think the University should be more aware of their own special requirements.

One of the best programs for veterans is offered by Yale University. It has made special arrangements to take veterans immediately on discharge, without their having to wait for regular term openings. To each of these veterans will be assigned a personal faculty adviser who will be aware of the veteran's prewar education and war experiences and be able to guide him accordingly. For men who have never been to college there will be a one-year intensive course preparing them for entrance into the junior class or, in some exceptional cases, into the senior class. For men who have had at least a year of college a similar course will be given for entrance into the business world or into graduate or professional schools. Under this program courses taken in the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Training Program may be accepted as course credits toward a degree, depending on the courses covered and what the degree is.



How do I get a job?

The Selective Service Act states that all federal and private employers must reinstate their permanent employees in the same jobs they held before the war or in jobs of similar seniority, status and pay, unless "conditions have so changed as to make it unreasonable

or impossible." To get your old job back you must apply for it within 40 days after your discharge. If your employer refuses to take you back and the circumstances are not patently unreasonable (such as the employer having shut up shop) you should report the facts to your Selective Service Board. It will investigate and may call on the U. S. Attorney General to help you.

Actually you will probably have little trouble getting your job back. The law is very specific in saying that you are entitled to it. Out of nearly 1,500,000 men so far discharged from the armed forces there has been only one court case where the employer refused to rehire his employe. Many cases, however, have nearly come to court. In one of these an employer gave in at the last minute and paid his ex-serviceman employe \$10,000 in back pay.

Many companies, especially in war industries like aircraft and shipbuilding, will not have jobs for any large proportion of their former employes. But where any jobs are available most companies are ready to fire civilian employes if necessary in order to rehire veterans.

The problem, of course, is in the interpretation of the law. Many questions have arisen and many more will arise. Before they can be settled the courts will have to define the law more closely. Suppose a veteran left a job to be drafted and the job was subsequently filled by one, two, three other men who also were drafted. Who gets the job? The answer is "the first veteran." The courts have still not decided what happens to the other draftees. The courts also have not decided exactly what is meant by a "permanent" employe as compared with a "temporary" one.

The important thing to remember here is the 40-day limitation on your right to your old job. It does not make any difference what you do during the first 39 days after your discharge. You can get a new job, work for a month, quit or be fired. You still maintain your rights on the old job. But if you apply on the 41st day, you have no rights. Incidentally, when you go back to work you cannot be fired for a year after being re-employed—unless you are guilty of misconduct. (Again, the courts have not thoroughly defined "misconduct".)

It is possible that you will not want your old job back or that before entering service you did not have a job. Of the veterans so far discharged only about 25% have gone back to the same work they were doing before the war. If you want help in getting a new job go to the U. S. Employment Service, which has 1,500 offices scattered throughout the country.

One of the best sources of jobs for returning servicemen is the federal government. If you are not disabled you will get a five-point preference on a Civil Service examination. That is, your mark will be automatically upped five points, giving you a better competitive position in relation to civilians. If you are disabled you will get a 10-point preference. Actually, though it is not written in the rules, you will be given an appointment preference as long as you pass the examination. This is true because any appointing officer must submit in writing his reasons for employing a nonveteran rather than a veteran for any given job.

If you want to go into private industry you will find special opportunities in almost all of the 30,207 apprentice-training programs in the U. S. Here you will learn a trade and sometimes be paid as you learn. For veterans, age restrictions and other limitations are often lifted.

To help you in deciding what kind of job is most suitable for you, there are some special booklets issued by the Army and Navy. Both services have issued booklets listing military ratings together with civilian jobs for which the rating should qualify a veteran. For instance, a Navy motor machinist mate, 2nd class, is qualified from his Navy work to handle 44 different civilian jobs. The Navy also has published a booklet designed to help those men whose military jobs have no civilian counterparts. Veterans already discharged can get these booklets at the nearest branch of the Veterans Administration or office of the U. S. Employment Service. Men in service should be able to get them from Special Service officers.



What if I have been injured?

Many men will come back from the war with permanent injuries which may make it impossible for them to take back their old jobs. If you have been discharged with a disability for which a pension has been awarded you are entitled to vocational rehabilitation. Get

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your application form from the Veterans Administration. One of their representatives will talk over your problems with you and make recommendations as to what you should do to earn your living in the future.

Suppose that you come back minus two fingers of your right hand. If you have been an insurance salesman you need no vocational rehabilitation. You can do your work just as well as you did it before the war. But if you have been a violinist you will not be able to resume your work in an orchestra. You will need vocational rehabilitation. With the help of the Veterans Administration representative you may decide you want to be an accountant. Accordingly, you may enroll in a school of accounting where your tuition, fees and books will be paid for by the Veterans Administration and you will get \$80 a month for subsistence (if married \$90 a month, plus \$5 for each dependent child and \$10 for each dependent adult).

It is possible, of course, that if you are disabled you may get vocational rehabilitation from a private firm rather than at government expense. Some firms have discovered that handicapped men can be used to fill many jobs. Although such firms are under no legal compunction to hire disabled veterans, many of them plan to do so, allowing first, of course, for the rehiring of veterans who worked for them before the war. At present, companies like General Motors and Todd Shipbuilding Company are going out of their way to hire men previously thought "unemployable" and training them for jobs. With 82,000 men in the armed forces, General Motors is hiring thousands of returning veterans, many of them disabled. They have a rule that no veteran can be discharged without the approval of the medical director of the plant where he works. Instead of granting approval for such a discharge, the medical director may insist that the man be given work more suitable to his physical disability. The company has said it will pay full rates to disabled veterans and will even attempt to modify its machines "to get the job and the man together."

Another widely publicized program for filling jobs with disabled veterans is the plan of the Caterpillar Tractor Company of Peoria, Ill. They have 15,000 employees and 800 of them are disabled, though not all of these are veterans. The company has compiled a list of jobs which can be filled by handicapped men and women. Each job applicant now receives an interview with the personnel department and if accepted is assigned to a specific job where his handicap is no liability.

Such industrial plans, however, do not mean you will have an easy time, if you are disabled, in getting a job with a company with which you have had no previous connection. Most companies are worried about how to re-employ their own returning servicemen. Such rehabilitation plans as they develop will, in many cases, be limited to their own former employees. Only after they have re-employed and rehabilitated them will they think of hiring strangers.



What local groups are there to help veterans?

When you get home you will probably find that everybody wants to help you and give you advice. Scattered through the country right now are many thousands of committees all trying to give the veterans information about their rights, helping them get jobs and helping them adjust personal problems. Some of these outfits are good; some very bad. They are operated by the Red Cross, veterans' organizations, churches, unions, businessmen's groups, chambers of commerce. They all want to "free you from red tape." Paradoxically they often tangle you in new red tape.

There is only one committee in any municipality which is a federal committee. That is the Veterans Service Committee under the Retraining and Re-employment Administration of the Office of War Mobilization. Brig. General Frank Hines, head of the Veterans Administration, also heads this administration. On May 20 of this year he ordered the establishment of state and local Veterans Service Committees, which will be under the supervision of representatives from Selective Service, the Veterans Administration and U. S. Employment Service.

If there is a Veterans Service Committee in your town, go to it first for advice. If there is not it will probably be best for you to go to your own Selective Service board and ask them which of the local committees is best equipped to handle your problems.



What is the Veterans Administration?

In 1921 Congress consolidated all agencies set up to help the disabled veterans of all wars into one big agency—the Veterans Bureau. Ten years later this agency was enlarged to include all veterans and at its head was placed Brig. General Frank T. Hines, who still holds the job today. As Administrator of Veterans Affairs, he represents all the country's ex-servicemen in government councils. He and his Veterans Administration have the job of administering the GI Bill of Rights, disability pensions, vocational rehabilitation for the disabled soldiers and the operation of veterans' hospitals. Right now in the U. S. there are 94 such hospitals with 88,000 beds. To take care of the disabled veterans of this war General Hines estimates he will need 300,000 beds. For them the Veterans Administration was appropriated \$500,000,000 in the GI Bill of Rights. After the war is over it will also get 100,000 beds from the Army and Navy.

In these hospitals all veterans are eligible for free care when needed. Those with service-connected disabilities get preference over those with nonservice-connected disabilities when there is a shortage of hospital facilities. "Domiciliary barracks" are open to veterans with no means of support and who are too old or too disabled to work.

WILL THERE BE MORE JOBS IN POSTWAR? SURVEY SAYS "YES"

CITY	1940	PRESENT	194X	+ %
WORCESTER, MASS.	31,659	48,000	34,872	+10.1
ROCHESTER, N. Y.	59,700		72,534	+21.5
SYRACUSE, N. Y.	71,353	60,500	78,234	+ 9.6
PHILADELPHIA, PA.	255,700	315,000	293,000	+14.6
MIDDLETOWN, OHIO	14,403	15,885	17,244	+19.7
DURHAM, N. C.	12,552	14,738	12,091	- 3.7
NEW ORLEANS, LA.	20,928	25,130	25,646	+22.5
MILWAUKEE, WIS.	111,450	196,461	145,299	+30.4
JANESVILLE, WIS.	5,486	7,643	7,058	+28.7
MEMPHIS, TENN.	24,125	50,219	36,820	+52.6
DULUTH, MINN.	35,866	41,568	39,918	+11.3
FORT WORTH, TEXAS	76,052	102,000	99,000	+30.2
PORTLAND, ORE.	50,905	147,839	69,200	+36.0
SPOKANE, WASH.	8,443	9,342	8,872	+ 5.0
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.	12,000	70,000	27,000	+125.0
PEORIA, ILL.	24,018	31,778	31,574	+31.5
BEAUMONT, TEXAS	6,238	15,170	8,433	+35.2
MOBILE, ALA.	40,000	110,000	75,000	+87.5

Average increase for all—31.5%

What are the chances for prosperity and jobs?

The Committee for Economic Development, composed of progressive businessmen all over the U. S., has been encouraging employers to make plans on the basis of their estimated postwar production, sales and employment needs. For this purpose each C. E. D. local committee queried its member employers, requesting figures on their 1940 employment, their present (war) employment and their estimated future employment. The chart above shows the results in 18 selected cities. The percentages show the expected postwar increase or decrease of jobs as compared with the number of jobs in 1940.

In 1940, throughout the country there were 45,166,083 persons gainfully employed. There were 8,471,788 unemployed and on public-works programs. The national income for goods and services was \$77,185,000,000. In association with the Department of Commerce the C. E. D. has estimated that in order to have a sound economy we should have 30% to 45% greater production than in 1940. This increase would provide about 20% more jobs and virtually eliminate unemployment.

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In the chart you will notice that with only one exception all of the C. E. D. member firms in the listed cities expect to have more men employed after the war than in 1940. The percentage increase varies from 5% to 125%, but the average is just under 31.5%. If these cities are assumed typical of the whole country and the optimistic estimates prove to be reliable, then the percentage of increase in employment after the war will be more than enough to eliminate unemployment. The immediate future should at least offer reasonable prosperity and a chance to work for every serviceman who wants it.

The longer-range possibilities, of course, are even more obscure. The C. E. D. is making no attempt right now to estimate them. In this respect it cannot be repeated too often that the prosperity of the veterans depends on the prosperity of the country.



What are the individual states doing for veterans?

As you would expect, there is a great difference in the veterans legislation passed by the individual states. Some have gone out of their way to make plans for your return. Others have done nothing. The following is a brief summary of what has been done. As you read it or look up your own state, remember that the state programs are in addition to the federal GI Bill of Rights, not a substitution for it. The industrial firms mentioned are merely examples of what private industry is doing for veterans. No attempt is made here to list all such plans.

Alabama: No major new legislation. The state maintains a State Service Commissioner, with a main office in Montgomery and branch office in Birmingham. County Service Commissioners are also being appointed.

Arizona: Nothing.

Arkansas: Nothing. The Arkansas Service Bureau will help veterans get whatever benefits they are entitled to under federal law.

California: The 1943 legislature appropriated \$300,000 for the education of veterans. If you are a bona fide resident of California and want to continue your education you can get funds for the payment of tuition, books and supplies, and up to \$40 a month for living expenses. Not more than \$1,000 may be spent on any one veteran.

Another act of the 1943 California legislature sets up a \$2,000,000 fund for providing veterans with the opportunity of acquiring farms and homes. Under its provisions you can borrow money from the state and amortize it over a period not to exceed 40 years. There is another proposal on the November ballot to have the state issue \$30,000,000 in bonds to build up a fund from which veterans may borrow for houses and farms.

Colorado: Nothing. A proposed constitutional amendment giving servicemen preference in public employment will be submitted to the electorate in November. A state service officer has been appointed to help on problems of rehabilitation.

California is probably more worried about the future than any other state. Over 1,000,000 new workers have poured into the state during wartime for jobs in ship-building and aircraft plants. With peace, both these industries will probably fold up. Consequently a lot of new jobs will have to be provided for these workers and for returning veterans or the state will have a large unemployment problem on its hands.

Connecticut: This state has passed numerous laws for returning servicemen. Among them are provisions for temporary assistance to any destitute veteran or veteran's dependents, credit allowance in examination for veterans, appropriation for Veterans Home Commission, educational allowances of \$200 a year for orphans of veterans and veterans' tax exemptions on some taxes. Medical, hospital, nursing, obstetric and pediatric care are provided to wives of servicemen who cannot pay for them themselves. Any veteran who has graduated from an approved law school may be admitted to the Bar Association without examination. By executive order, furthermore, a state re-employment commission has been set up to help veterans get jobs. The state gives a bonus to every former state employee of a year's standing who spends a month or more in the armed forces. Amount of bonus: \$100.

Delaware: The Delaware Veterans Commission has been formed as a clearinghouse for returning veterans and to make recommendations to the state Vocational Rehabilitation Board. This board will make the facilities of state hospitals and sanatoriums available to all veterans who need help.

Florida: Under a 1941 statute, provision is made for the education of children of deceased war veterans. Disabled veterans are free from license taxes up to \$50 and there are service officers available for free assistance to all veterans in connection with their claims for benefits. Hialeah racetrack will give job preference to veterans in nonspecialized jobs like ticket taking.

Georgia: An Agricultural and Industrial Development Board has been set up to help returning servicemen "take their place in the industrial life of the state."

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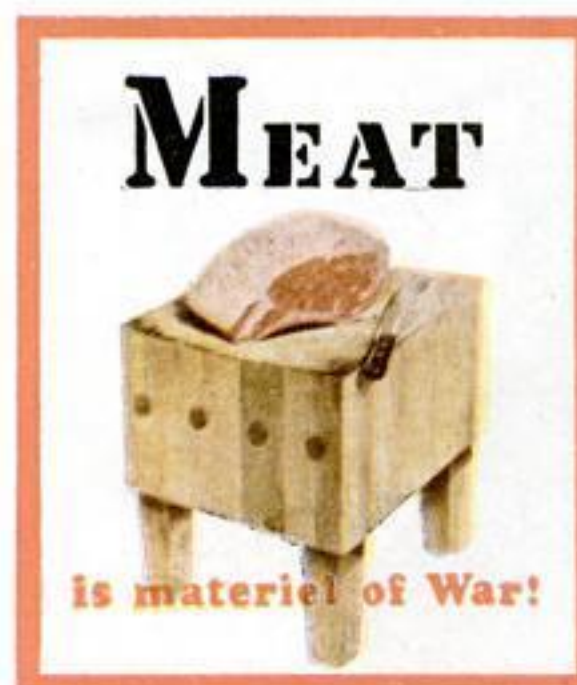
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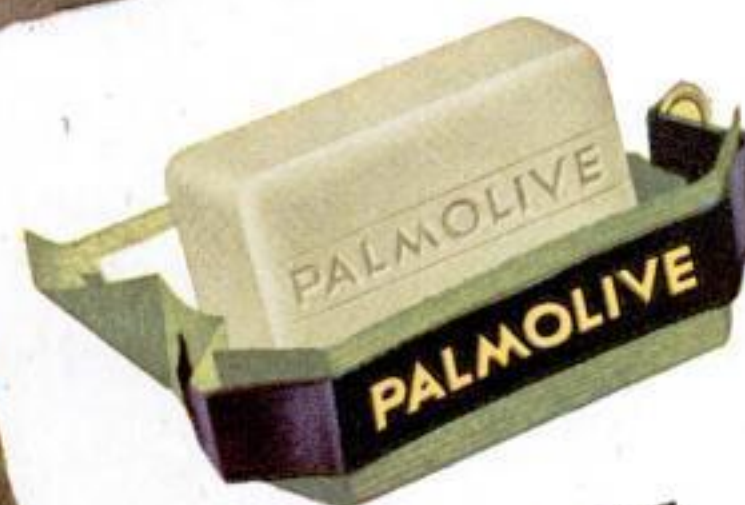
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WHEN YOU COME BACK (continued)

Idaho: The Veterans Welfare Commission will extend financial help to disabled or destitute veterans. There is also a property evaluation exemption for taxes of \$1,000.

Illinois: The state will provide scholarships for returning veterans in all state schools and will pay up to \$150 a year for the education of children whose fathers have lost their lives in this war. There is also a Veterans Rehabilitation and Employment Committee.

Indiana: The 1943 General Assembly extended the rights of veterans of previous wars to the veterans of this war and passed the following laws: 1) granting renewal of all licenses to members of armed forces without examination or penalty, 2) exempting veterans from renewal requirements of drivers' licenses.

Iowa: Benefits previously granted to veterans of other wars have been extended to veterans of this. Among them: free burial of indigent veterans and wives, widows and children; care of destitute orphans; relief fund for disabled servicemen; free school tuition for veterans over 21 for as many months as they have spent in U. S. service before reaching 21; admission of incapacitated veterans to the Soldiers' Home.

Kansas: Kansas has extended benefits of veterans of previous wars to veterans of this war, but has passed no additional legislation.

Kentucky: During 1944 the General Assembly freed all disabled veterans from payment of the poll tax, provided for the free registration and filing of all discharge papers and stated that all benefits awarded by the federal government to the surviving wives or heirs of veterans will not be considered taxable.

Louisiana: The 1944 legislature provided for free hospital care and rehabilitation for veterans. It also created a state Department of Veterans Affairs, gave veterans credit on homesteading, gave ex-servicemen school-teachers credit toward retirement for time spent in service, froze veterans' unemployment compensation and allowed a state income-tax exemption for veterans on the first \$1,500 of service pay.

Maine: The state maintains a Veterans Rehabilitation Experiment at Boothbay Harbor for medically discharged servicemen. There they get rest, recreation, board and keep at state expense.

Maryland: The state Veterans Commission is authorized to spend \$75,000 a year in taking care of indigent or disabled veterans and their widows and children. The commission is further authorized to spend not more than \$150 annually for each war orphan over 18 who wants to attend a secondary school, college, university, or pursue vocational training.

Massachusetts: A Postwar Rehabilitation Commission has been organized. During the 1943 session of the legislature 38 laws were passed protecting the rights of veterans. In the 1944 session \$750,000 was provided for constructing a 200-bed addition to the Chelsea Soldiers' Home.

Michigan: The 1944 special session of the legislature established an Office of Veterans Affairs and created a \$1,000,000 reserve fund to provide for the "hospitalization, medical treatment, education and emergency care" of veterans. It continued the benefits voted to veterans of other wars to veterans of this war and extended the homestead exemption of \$2,000 also to World War II veterans. It furthermore offered educational opportunities to war orphans and extended points of credit and preference rights on state jobs to veterans.

Minnesota: The state now has a Department of Veterans Affairs to act as agent for the serviceman and help him get benefits to which he is entitled. The 1943 legislature created a special fund of \$2,500,000 to see that veterans get the necessities of life and that they and the children of soldiers dying as the result of military service get an education. Such benefits are not available to any veteran who is entitled to similar benefits from the federal government. The rights of veterans of other wars are extended to veterans of this war.

Mississippi: Veterans have priority in buying state-owned land.

Missouri: This state has a State Service Officer who will help servicemen with whatever claims they may have on the federal government. The state also provides maternity care for wives of servicemen and vocational training for returning veterans.

Montana: All veterans who are residents of Montana are entitled to free fees and tuition at the University of Montana for regular and extra studies.

Nebraska: Nothing.

Nevada: Nothing much. It has a Veterans Service Commissioner to help veterans on their problems.

New Hampshire: The 1943 legislature passed a bonus law giving a maximum of \$100 to every New Hampshire serviceman who served at least 10 months. The legislature also extended the benefits awarded veterans of past wars to veterans of this. The state operates a soldiers' home in Tilton and a Veterans Employment Bureau in Concord.

New Jersey: The Veterans Loan Authority will guarantee bank loans up to \$3,000 for veterans to set themselves up in small businesses.

New Mexico: Nothing. Laws relating to soldiers' exemption from property taxes up to \$2,000 apply to veterans of this war as well as of other wars. By 1946 more than

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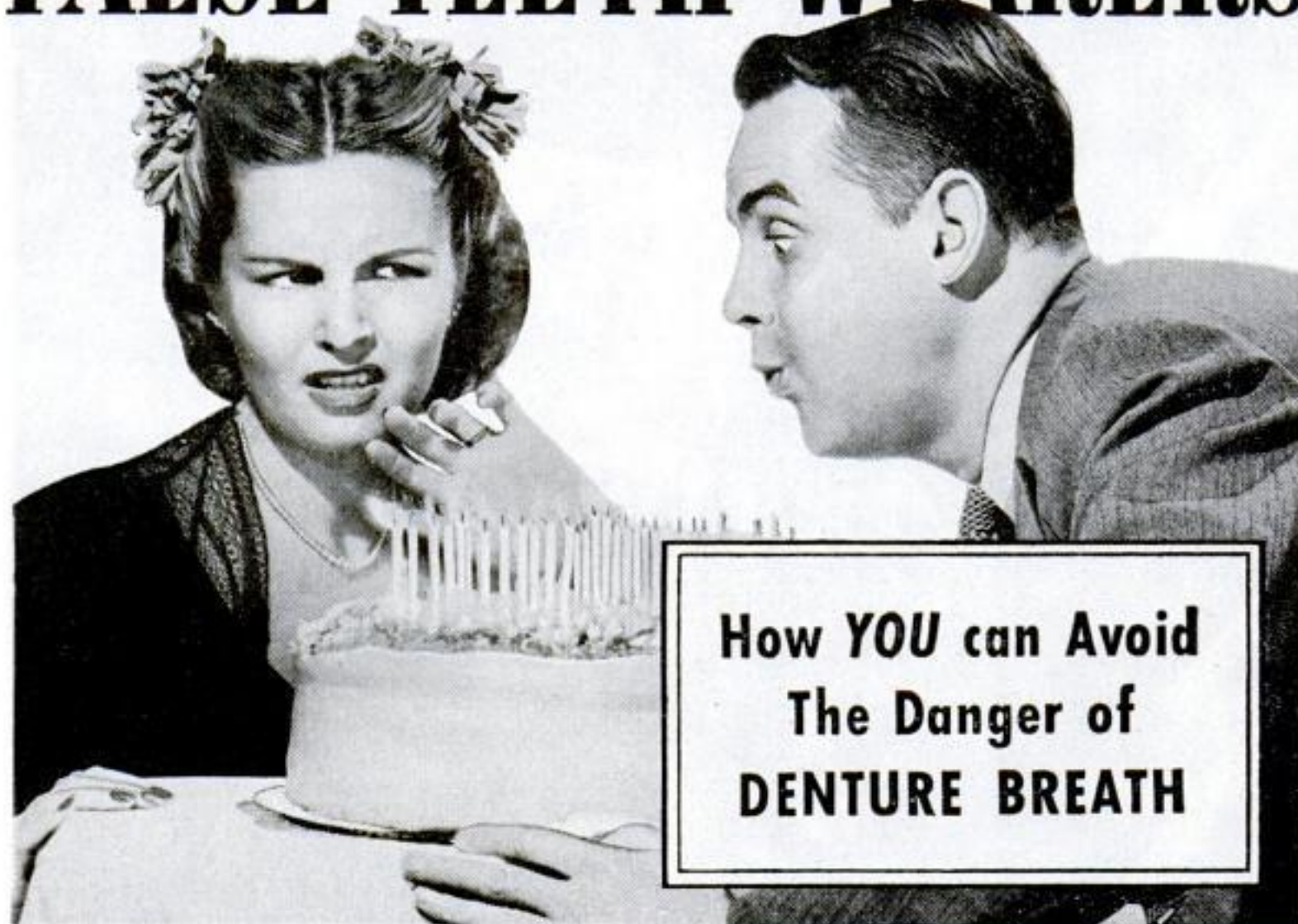


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WHEN YOU COME BACK (continued)

50,000 acres of newly irrigated land will be available for purchase by veterans at a cheap rate.

New York: The state has a commission to deal with problems of returning servicemen. It also provides unemployment insurance for all New York State veterans and yearly will grant 1,200 scholarships for returning veterans who want further education.

North Carolina: Special preference is given to veterans for state jobs and educational benefits are awarded to children of veterans.

North Dakota: The 1943 legislature created a Veterans Postwar Rehabilitation Reserve Fund to finance a rehabilitation program for returning veterans. Details will be announced later. It also created a fund to take care of incapacitated veterans until, presumably, the federal government takes responsibility.

Ohio: Benefits to veterans of previous wars apply to men of this war.

Oklahoma: Certain benefits are available including: exemption for needy veterans from hawking, peddling fees; aid for destitute minor dependents of disabled veterans; free help from State Service Officer on claims against the government, exemption up to \$200 on personal property assessment for veterans of World War II.

Oklahoma also has a unique postwar plan for coordinating agriculture and industry. The plan is to sell servicemen state lands on which they can farm, not for cash crops but for subsistence. In addition, they would work in factories and earn a small pay check, possibly working only four hours a day at their industrial employment and spending the rest of the time on their farms. Then if a depression came along and they lost their factory jobs, they would still be able to eat off their land.

Oregon: The 1943 legislature established a fund for relief and funeral expenses of indigent war veterans and their dependents. It also provided exemption from property taxation up to \$1,000 for any veteran with 40% or more disability and gave a 10% preference to veterans on county civil service examinations. Provisions for scholarships and for loans to veterans will be submitted to the voters in the November election.

Pennsylvania: There is a State Veterans Commission to help returning servicemen. In 1943 the legislature appropriated \$890,000 to assist veterans and their dependents. In addition, provisions were clarified for burial of deceased veterans and for preferences to veterans on occupational and liquor licenses.

In Pennsylvania local groups are particularly active. The American Legion Post of Arnold has bought a \$10,000 farm for veterans who need rest or who want a little farm work in the open air before settling down. Westinghouse Electric in Pittsburgh has learned that in its manufacturing divisions 83% of the jobs can be done by one-eyed men, 82% by deaf men, 19% by one-legged men, 17% by men who use canes or crutches.

Rhode Island: The state has not done much as yet. \$25,000 was appropriated for the hospitalization of wives and children of men in the armed forces below the grade of commissioned officer, and the unemployment compensation act was amended so that veterans receiving mustering-out pay or disability payments will still be eligible for unemployment benefits.

South Carolina: Veterans will come under the state's plan for vocational education, for which more than \$500,000 has been appropriated. Free tuition is offered to veterans' children at state colleges.

South Dakota: The state provides free school privileges and admission to the state Soldiers' Home.

Tennessee: Nothing.

Texas: Nothing.

Utah: Veterans are given a property-tax exemption running up to \$3,000 valuation for a fully disabled ex-serviceman. A special Veterans Welfare Committee has been set up.

Vermont: The last legislature passed laws providing for burial expenses of veterans and their widows, educational benefits for war orphans, unemployment compensation for veterans, preference for veterans in all state jobs. A million dollars has been appropriated for a state bonus to veterans. It is \$10 a month for every Vermont serviceman up to a maximum of 12 months.

Virginia: Money has been appropriated for rehabilitation of war veterans and for helping them prepare their claims on the federal government. Provision was made for the education of war orphans.

Washington: The 1943 legislature extended preference in public employment to veterans of this war.

West Virginia: Nothing.

Wisconsin: The 1943 legislature appropriated \$6,500,000 for a Veterans Recognition Board which, among other things, has responsibility of providing treatment for any disease or injury traceable to military service. The board also may give money to any veteran or his dependents when they are in need. It is carrying out plans for the placement of returning veterans in peacetime work.

Wyoming: Nothing.

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KEN'S MUSKIE is a big one. It weighs 23 pounds, is 47 inches long and 11 years old. Having eluded all kinds of fishermen and all kinds of bait for at least 10 years, it was finally caught

with a single hook planted in a sucker. Like most muskies, this one took the bait to the bottom of the lake and played with it for fully half an hour before Ken could "set" his hook.



WEED BEDS just below waterline are generally the best spots for muskies. As a boy Ken used to paddle while father fished. This time father did most of the paddling.

Fishing

IT'S GOOD THIS YEAR

This part of the letter to the GIs is for the generals and the admirals because almost every general and admiral who has mentioned his post-war plans has said that his favorite plan is to go fishing. If any of them got home this summer they found a good season for trout, salmon, muskie, almost every fish. Assuming that what is good enough for gold braid is good enough for GI, this should be encouraging news for all fishermen.

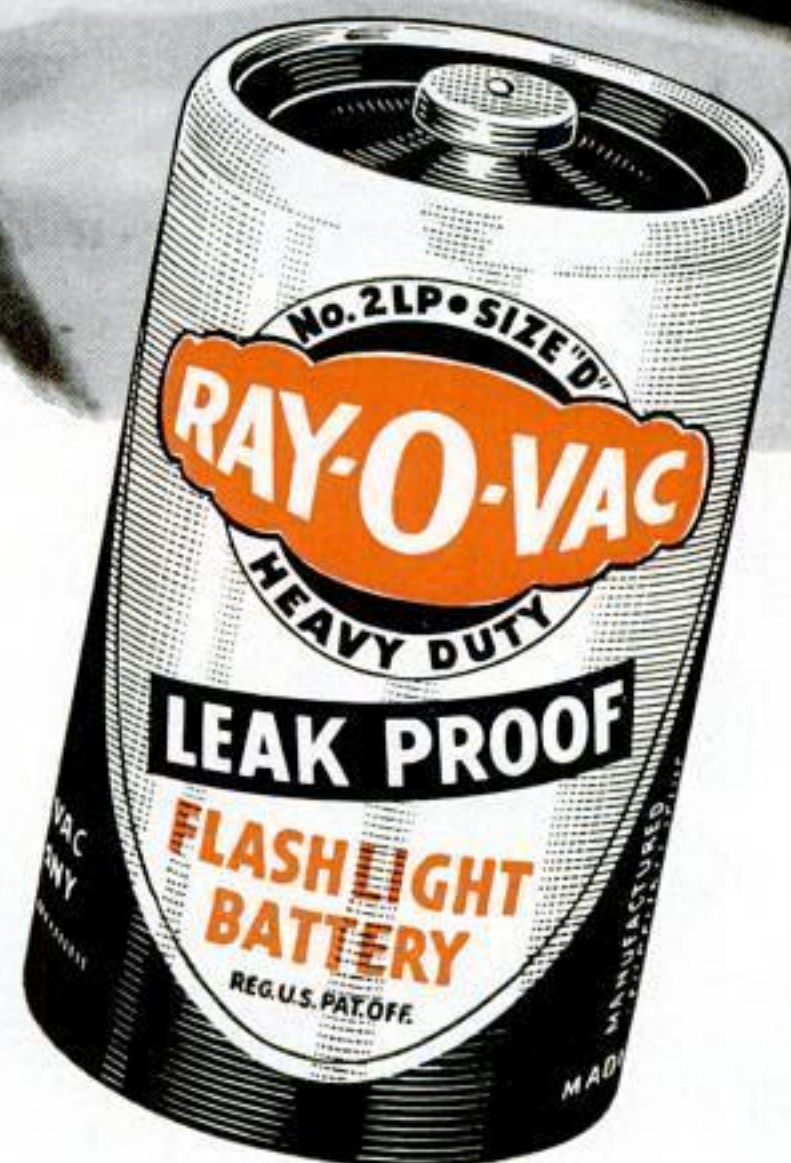
One soldier who did get back this summer was Sgt. Ken McKeague, a 22-year-old bombardier who came home to Rhinelander, Wis. on furlough from England. It took Ken four days to hook the muskie shown here. An unpredictable fish, the muskie will swim around the bait for days, then suddenly strike. One muskie will fight for hours. The next one will give up easily. There is only one way to catch a muskie. Sit in your boat and wait.



ARMY JACKET is decorated with name, design and score of Ken's B-26, *Lady Luck*. While overseas Ken flew 70 missions, still found time to fish for trout in Scotland.



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GIRLS THEY ARE PRETTY

A soldier or sailor or marine doesn't really have to be told what he knows better now than he knew before he went off to war—the fact that the prettiest girls in the world are right here at home. But it always is nice to be reminded that the girls at home are still pretty. The pictures on these pages are reminders. Some of the girls shown in color are little-known

movie kids. The happy blonde above is a Florida girl who hasn't been in any movies except for some run off by the Miami Beach press agents.

Maybe, next to their being so pretty, the best thing about the gay, friendly girls at home is that they are going to be just as glad to see the homecoming boys as the homecoming boys will be to see them.



JANET BLAIR, current pin-up favorite of Columbia Pictures, is a fresh, exuberant girl from Altoona, Pa. who sang her way into the movies with Hal Kemp's orchestra. Five feet, 4

inches tall, Janet never wears a girdle or make-up, keeps her figure by walking to her studio every morning. Married to Sgt. Louis Bush, she lives in a small apartment with two cats.

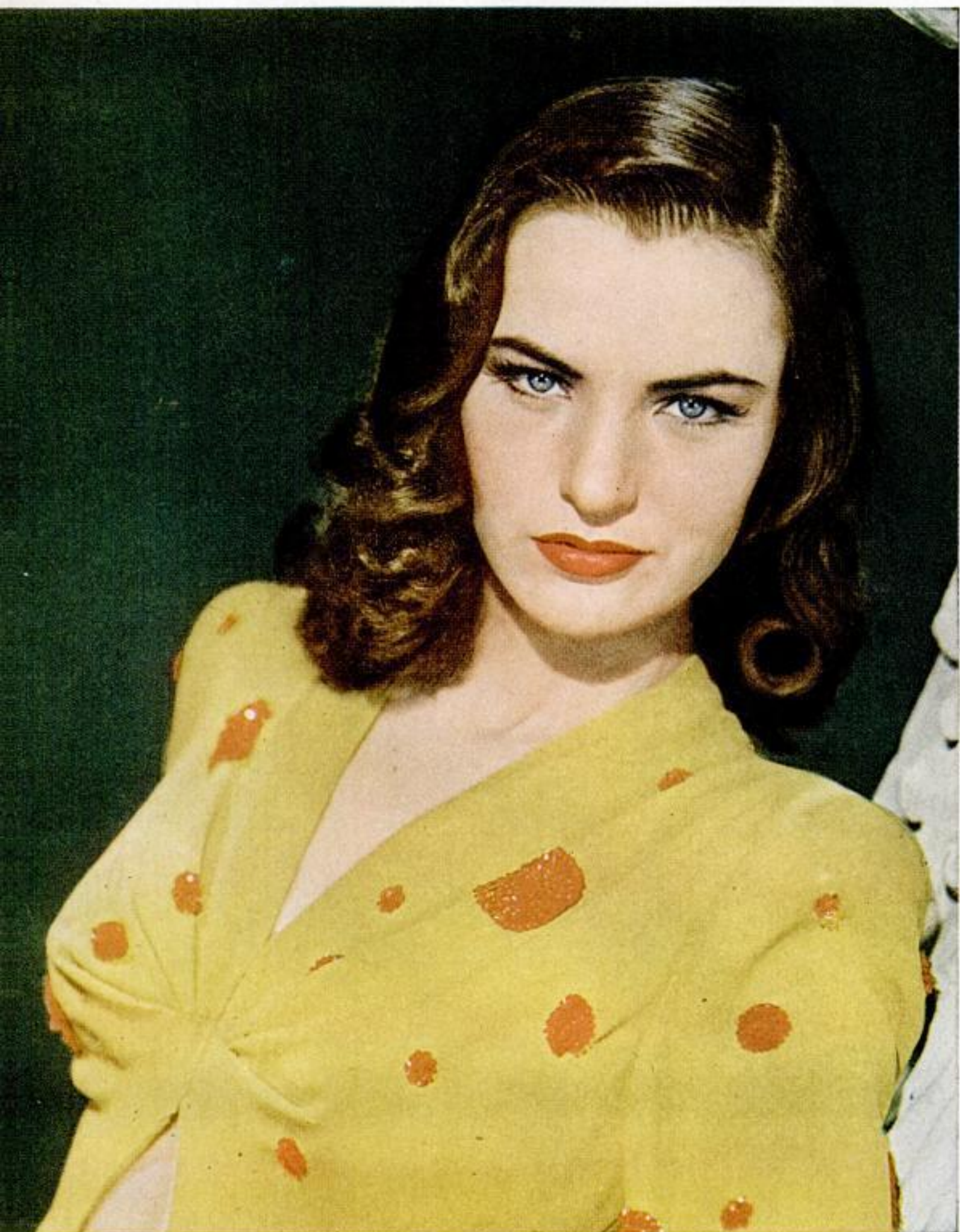
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SUSANNA FOSTER, a 19-year-old blonde, usually greets her friends with energetic bursts of song instead of "Hello." Her favorite expression: "Rich movie stars, pooh."



LAUREN BACALL was a magazine fashion model. A tall, leggy blonde with a throaty voice, she will soon appear in her first motion picture, *To Have And Have Not*, opposite Humphrey Bogart.



ELLA RAINES, a sultry brunette with unusual green eyes, is one of the clever new actresses. She is married to Major Kenneth Trout, who holds the DFC and Air Medal.



DONNA REED was born on a farm near Denison, Iowa and could still milk a cow. A beauty queen at Los Angeles City College, Donna had to ward off the talent scouts until she graduated.

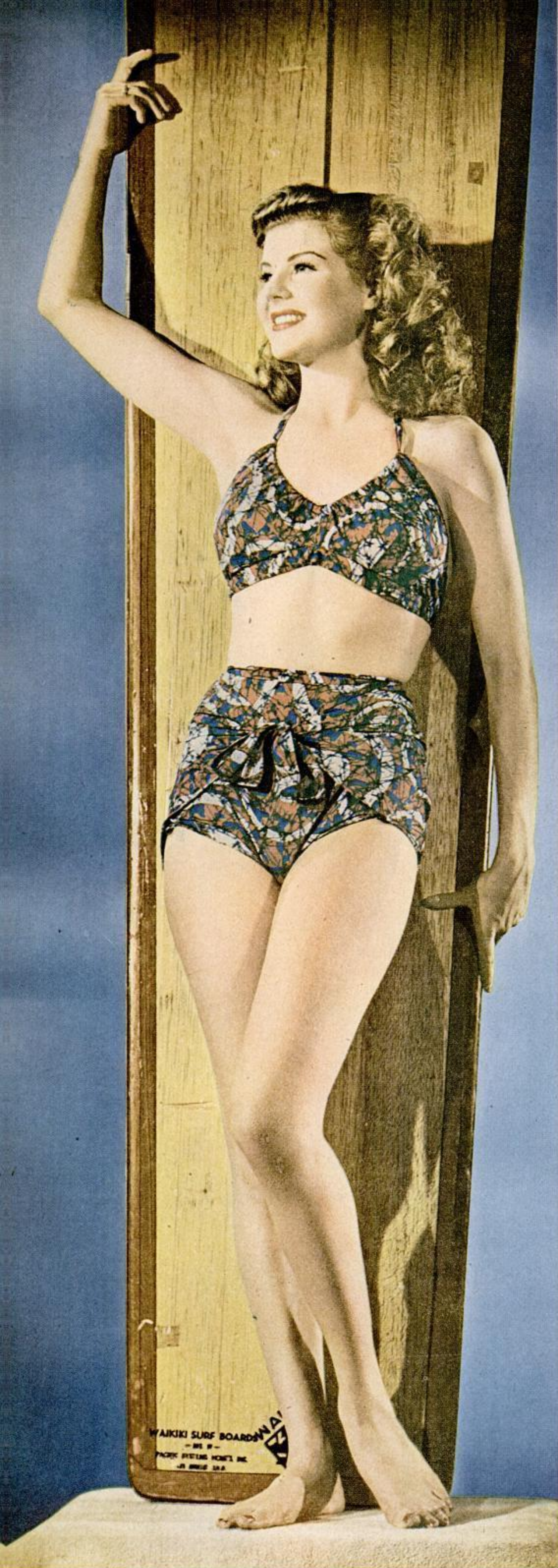


ANN BLYTH, a demure little brunette who plays and sings in juvenile comedies at Universal, rides to work on the streetcar and is seldom recognized as a movie starlet. Now 18,

she has been an actress nearly all her life. She began play-acting over station WJZ at the age of 5 and sang with San Carlo Opera. She still collects autographs of stage and screen stars.

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ROSEMARY LA PLANCHE, chosen as "Miss America of 1941," is completely at home in bathing suits. She has appeared in more ads than any other movie girl.



ALMA CARROLL, a California beauty, plays a fictional "Miss America" in Republic's *Atlantic City*. A comely brunette with a 37-in. bust, she stood out in the competition with 38 other girls for the part.

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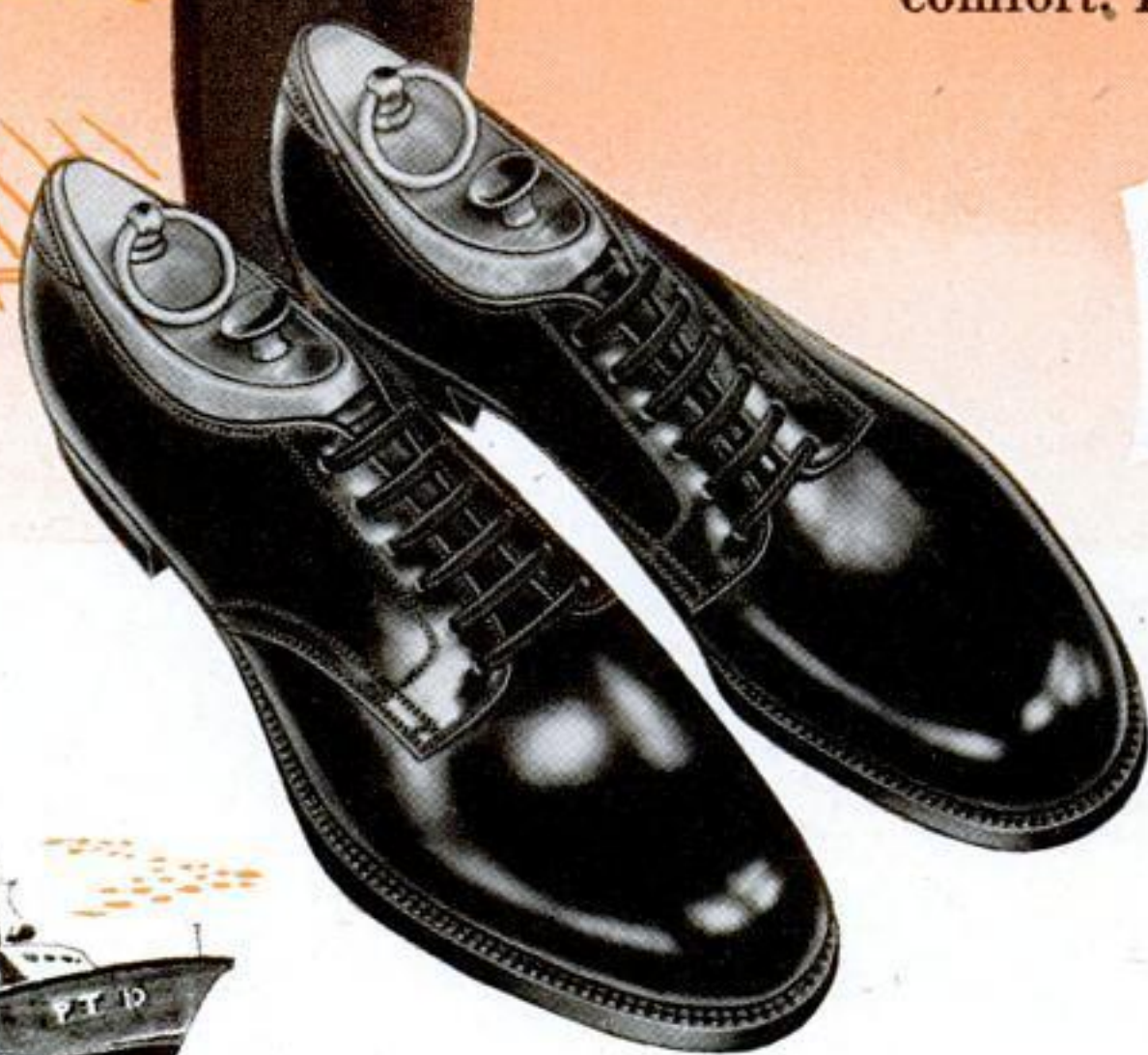
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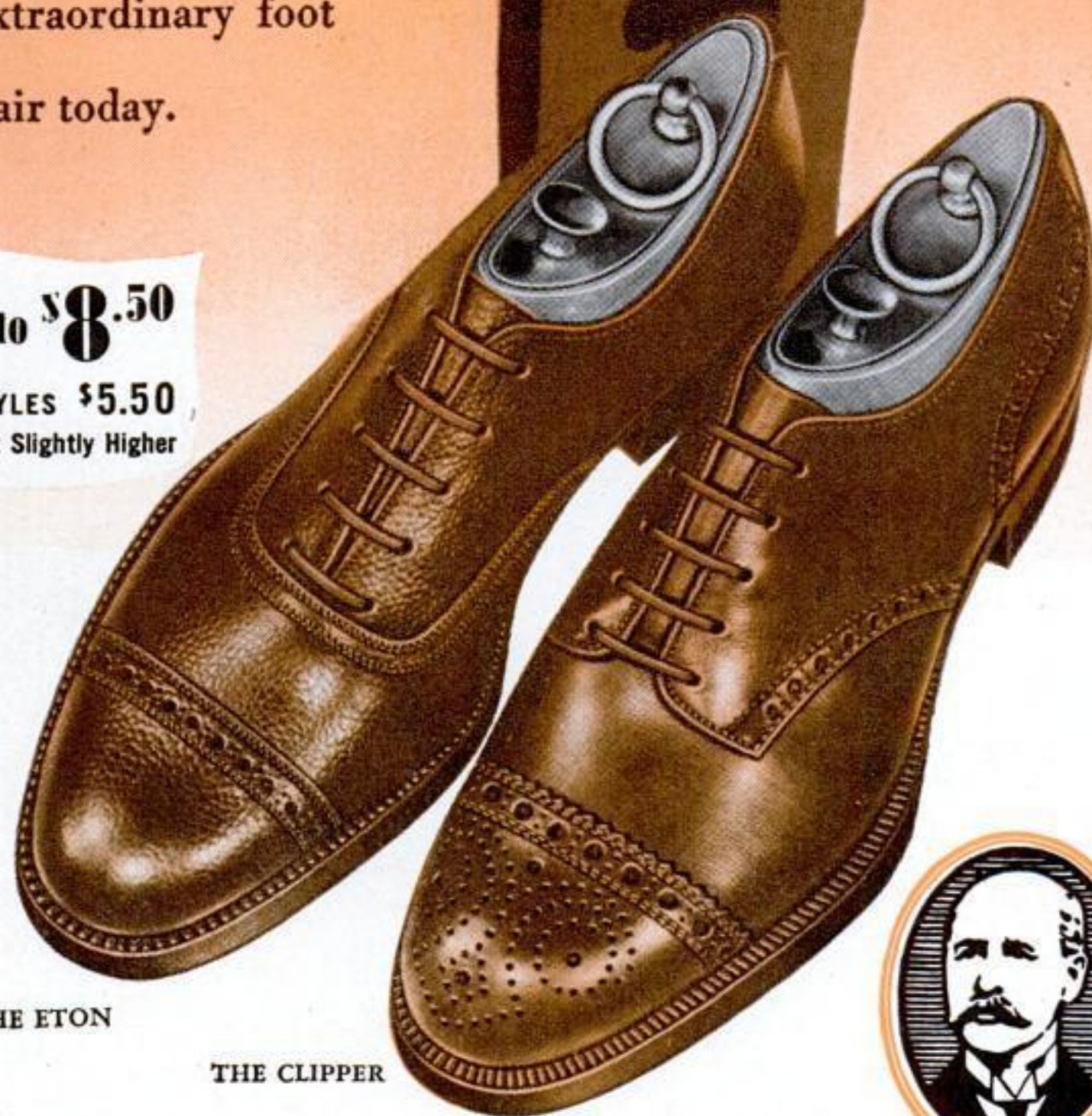
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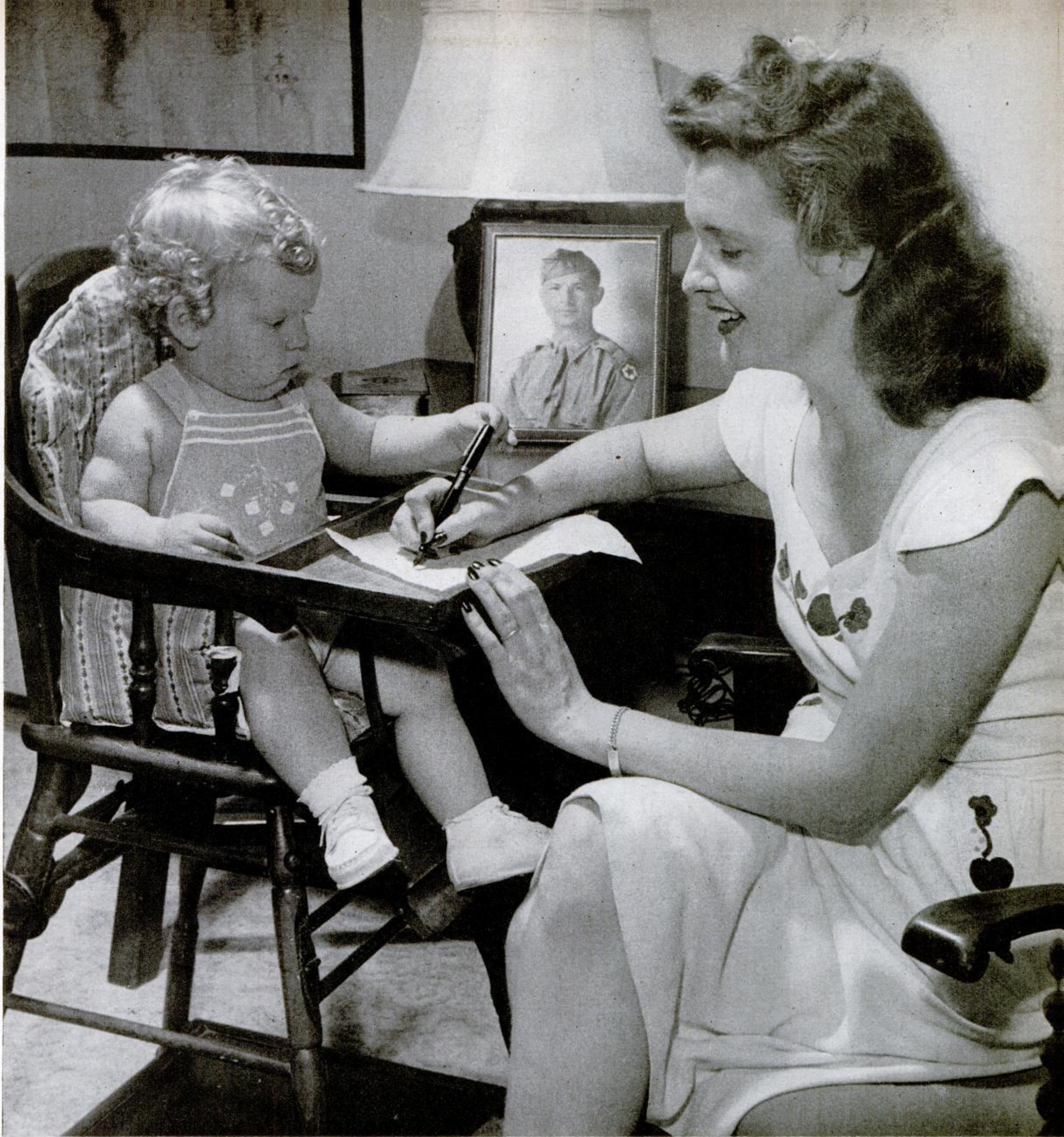
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War Wife

SHE AND HER BABY SON ARE WAITING

Sometimes just hearing a song called *Soon* is enough to make Mrs. Robert B. Walker of Larchmont, N. Y., feel bad these days. *Soon* was being played a lot in 1935, the year 20-year-old Virginia Shell of Sherman, Texas married a 25-year-old New Yorker named Robert Walker, who had come to town to represent a string of chain stores. For seven years they led a pleasant, normal young-married-couple life. They went to parties and an occasional movie, played golf, worried about their bridge mistakes and thought about the future. They wanted babies and security and grand slams. Then, in October 1942, Rob-

ert Walker joined the Army. Now he is a first lieutenant in the Army Service Forces, stationed in India.

As an officer's wife, Virginia is better off financially than most war wives, but still she has to manage closely. Out of the \$180-a-month allotment she receives from her husband she pays \$65 for her 3½-room apartment, spends \$45 a month on food for herself and her son, meets her husband's quarterly insurance premiums and the expenses of occasional entertaining and clothes. She still manages to save \$10 a month.

Emotionally, Virginia shares the problems of all war wives. In the 10 months her husband has been out

of the country Virginia has not had a date. Nor does she intend to. She knows from reading the papers and from gossip that a war wife is considered fair game by the wolves and that even an innocent date may lead to embarrassing situations. She has found, too, that going to parties unescorted isn't any fun. "There are always some women who think you're trying to take their men away," she explains. But she does not mind these things or complain about them in letters to her husband. She writes a letter every morning after breakfast. When she finishes she reads the letter to her son Bobby, who sits and squeals with mirth.

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War Wife (continued)



RISING AT 7 each morning, Virginia gives young Robert his breakfast. Then, after writing daily letter to her husband, she and the baby go to the market, a mile away.

BOBBY CHASES THE BLUES

Sometimes at night Virginia Walker gets the blues. Almost invariably the sound of her crying makes Robert stir in his sleep. He tosses from side to side and looks out at his mother through the bars of his crib. Then his pudgy fingers reach up, grasp the railing and he bounces happily up and down on the springs of his mattress. It is the one sure cure for the blues that Virginia knows.

Bobby was born after his father entered the Army. Lieut. Walker hasn't seen his son since he was 3½ months old. Although he receives new pictures every month, Lieut. Walker still can't believe that the baby is any bigger than when he left him 10 months ago. Only the other day he wrote Virginia that he had seen a cute little suit in a Calcutta shop. It was too bad, he said, because it was a one-year-old size and it would be too big for Bobby. He cannot realize that his son now wears size two.

In the evening, after her day's chores are done, Virginia usually sews (she makes many of her own clothes and the slipcovers) or plays solitaire. On weekends she visits her mother-in-law in nearby Rye. She and her mother-in-law get along fine together. Virginia likes to listen to the radio. She is especially fond of Guy Lombardo's broadcasts because she and Robert used to go dancing at the Roosevelt Grill whenever Lombardo was there. She hopes that one of these nights Lombardo will play *Soon* because, although it makes her feel sad, it brings back some fine sharp memories.



IN THE AFTERNOON she and Bobby go to the Larchmont playground for about two hours. By 7 in the evening the baby has had supper and is in his crib for the night.



"Another day, darling!"

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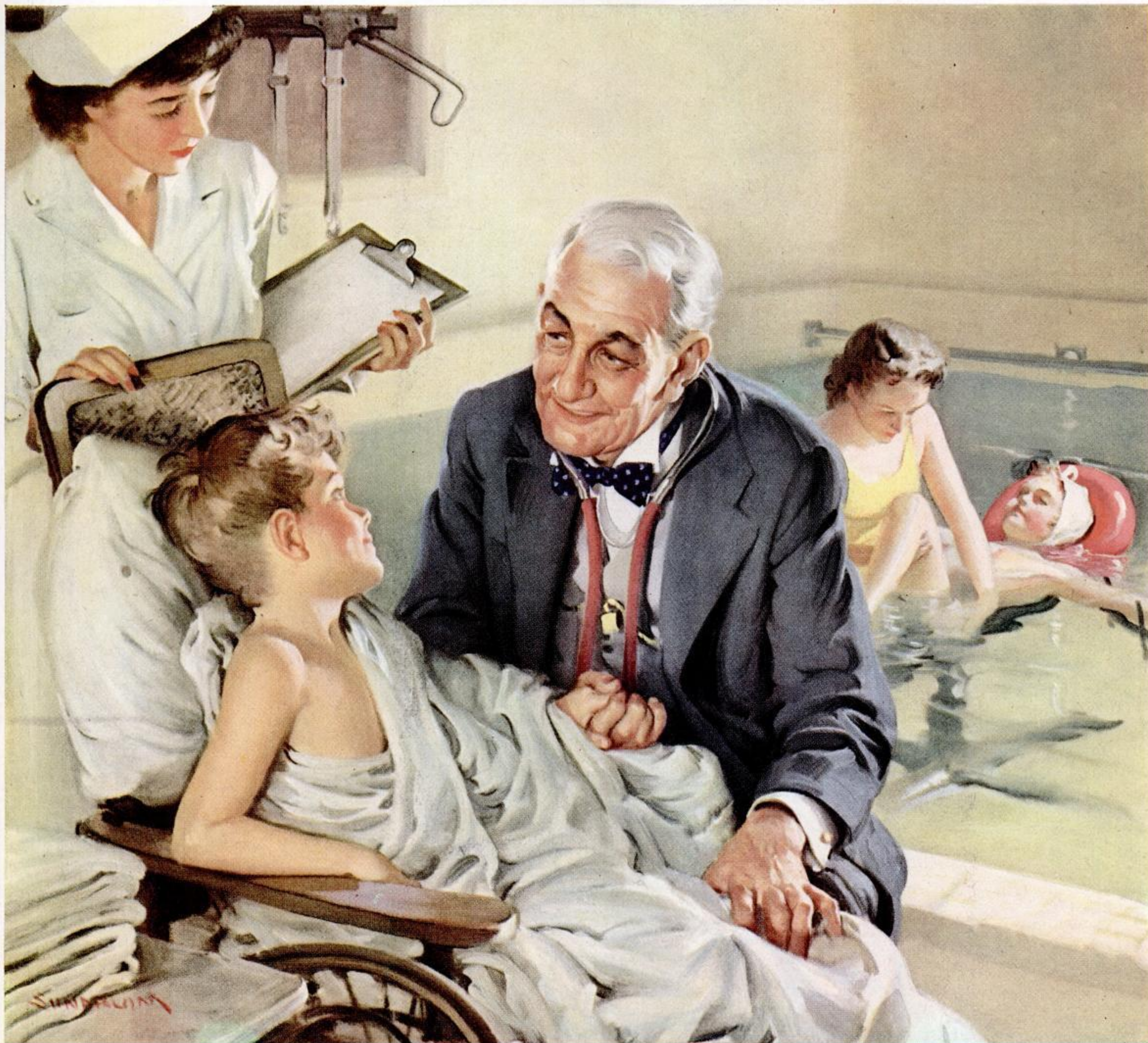
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pone it; make it at his convenience so that he can plan his crowded hours better.

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COMIC STRIPS

HERE IS THEIR LATEST NEWS

You may have been able to follow some of your favorite comics but here is a brief survey to bring you up to date on comic-strip history. Though some heroes and heroines are off at war, most are still at home—getting married, fighting with wives or husbands, chasing crooks. Only one important new character has died and one new character been born. Newcomer is Crockett Johnson's Mr. O'Malley (below) who almost eliminated himself by stating that since 96% of the people read comics, and since it isn't worth printing newspapers for only 4%, all comics, and thereby all newspapers, should be abolished to save paper.



"LI'L ABNER" is getting ready to run for his life again in the seventh Sadie Hawkins Day. This year, as always, Daisy Mae is sure she will catch Abner. But Abner al-

ways manages to get away. Ole Man Mose, the local oracle whose warnings usually save Abner, had laryngitis this year, wrote out his warning on a slip of paper: "It

hain't necessarily hoomin." What that means still has to be revealed. Probably it involves the mysterious monster in the cave that has scared everybody in Dogpatch.



"TERRY AND THE PIRATES" has become complicated by the appearance of "Disinfectant Duncan," the war correspondent who has every real war correspondent wor-

ried because he is such an unpleasant character. He is currently trying to verify a sneaking suspicion he has that Burma, who is now masquerading as governess to

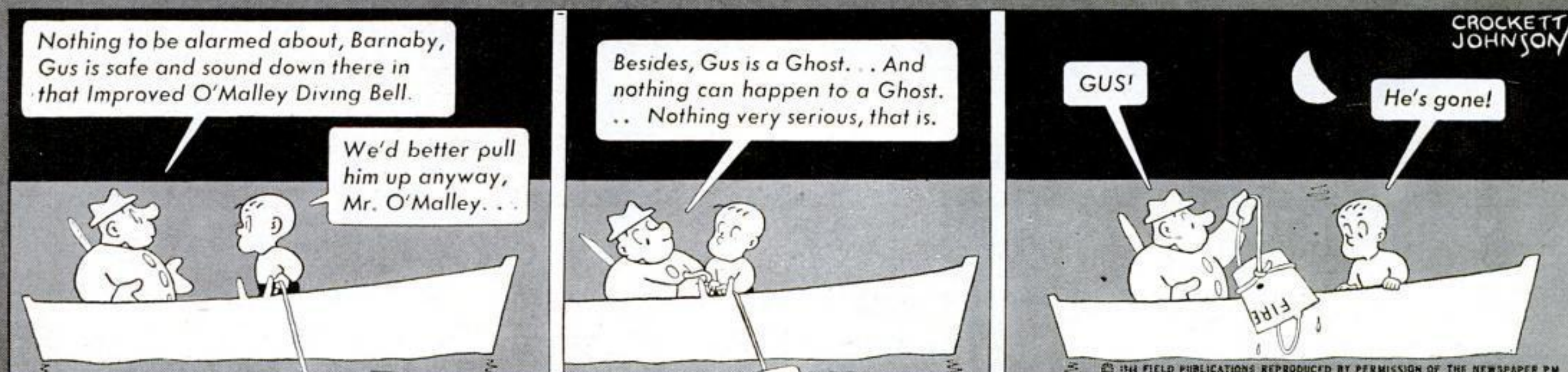
lovely Willow Belinda, is the girl the British authorities are hunting on an old piracy rap. Duncan is not getting any help from Terry and the boys at the air base.



"GASOLINE ALLEY," the comic strip that lets its characters grow up, has sent Skeeze into the Army where he turned up among the Yugoslav guerrillas a while ago, got

home on a furlough long enough to marry his girl Nina Clock. Playing the wartime guessing game with Skeeze's letters, the Wallets have figured that he is now on

Guam. Nina has suddenly taken on the benign expression that indicates she is going to have a little Wal-let. It looks as if good old "Uncle Doc" will officiate.



"BARNABY" was dreamed up by Cartoonist Crockett Johnson two and a half years ago. Its hero is Jackeen J. O'Malley, 5-year-old Barnaby's Fairy Godfather who

was somehow elected to Congress but was left behind this year in a reshuffle of districts. They had an ectoplasmic friend, Gus the Ghost, but he dived into the

water after treasure this summer, apparently dissolved. O'Malley's current plan is to campaign for such complete States' rights that no president will be necessary.



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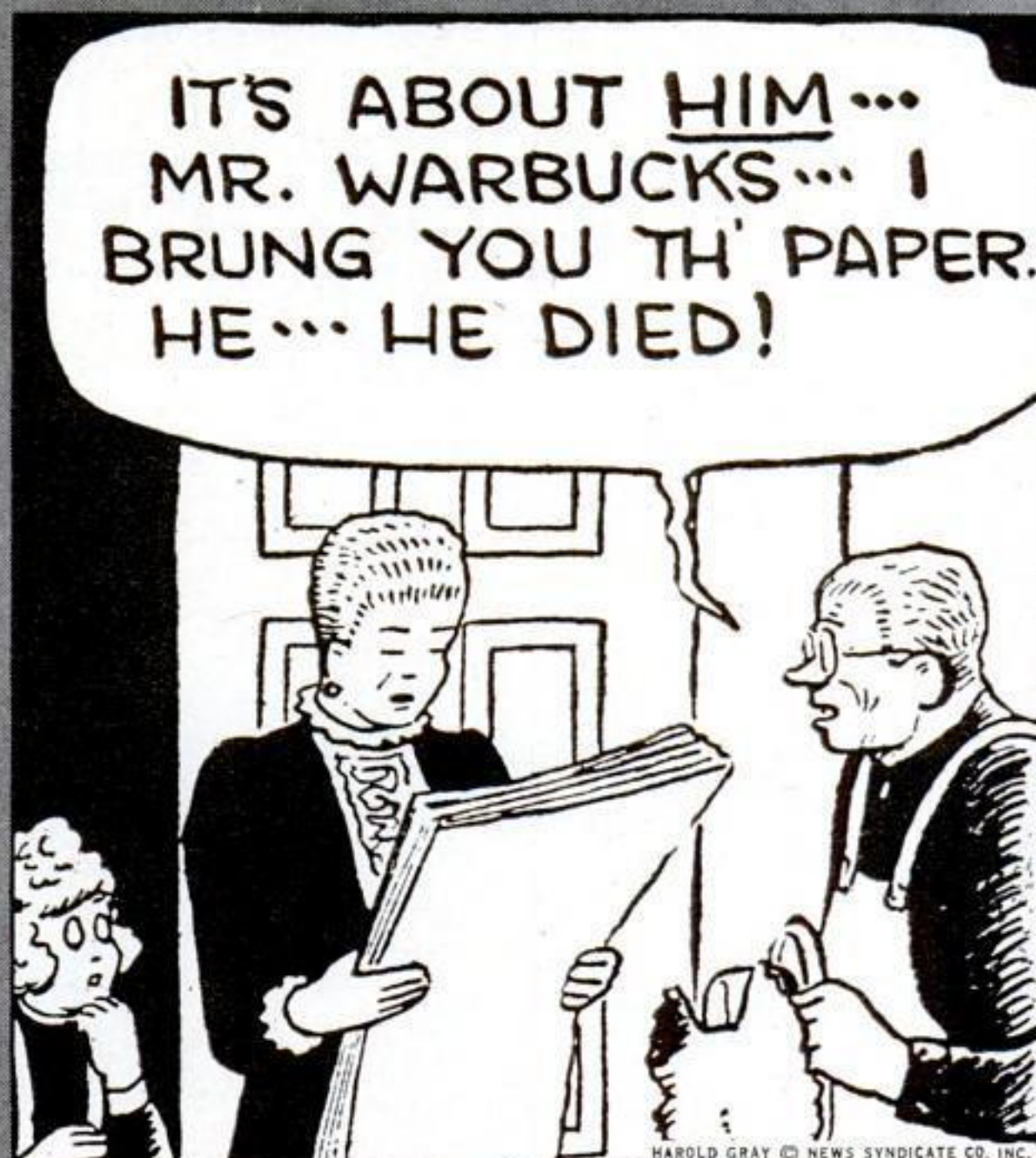
As always, the Midwest leads
in outdoor style and quality



LEATHER AND FABRIC COATS AND JACKETS FOR SPORT, LEISURE, AND UTILITY WEAR



"DICK TRACY" has been chasing the Brow for 14 weeks, is finally closing in. Brow has taken temporary refuge with Gravel Gertie, man-crazy proprietress of gravel pit, who salves his wounds with soot and spider webs.



"LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE" broke biggest news of year when Annie's "foster" father "Daddy" Warbucks died, grieving over decline of capitalism. But Daddy has been thought dead before, only to turn up alive again.



"BLONDIE" is one of few strips that has remained unchanged. Dagwood is still having his usual troubles, recently found that because of wartime sharing he and neighbor didn't even remember who owned lawn mower.



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THIS LITTLE HOUSE IN JERSEY CITY NEEDS REPAIRS AND A COAT OF PAINT BUT CURTAINS ARE WHITE AND CLEAN IN THE WINDOWS AND SERVICE FLAG IS PROUDLY DISPLAYED

STREETS

YOU WILL FIND YOUR HOME BLOCK A LITTLE SHABBIER THAN YOU REMEMBER

America is built around streets—the long, straight highways stretching from coast to coast, the great avenues of cities, the main streets of the middle-sized towns, the country lanes leading to the farmhouses. The street you probably remember best is the home-town street you grew up on.

According to a recent estimate 75% of soldiers do not want to return to their old home towns. But after the war is over, even if you think you may not want to come back and live at home, you will certainly get back for a good, long visit. You will find that war has not changed things very much. The houses will look a bit shabbier. There has been little time and little material for painting and repairs. You

will find few new homes. Even though your family and your friends may have made money during the war boom, they have not been able to spend it on housing because new construction has been difficult. Many of your old neighbors may have moved away. If yours is a boom town it will be full of strange faces. The war has caused population changes unequaled in American history. Some 16,000,000 people have changed their home addresses. You will come back to find your home street a little shorter, a little narrower, a little less bright than it seemed in your memory. Travelers to far places know this to be true. But the chances are that your block as well as your home town will still look very good to you.



THIS STREET could be almost anywhere in America, but it happens to be Fair Oaks Avenue in Oak Park, Ill. The people who live on Fair Oaks Avenue mostly work in Chicago, 10 miles

east. In the evening, after supper, they sit in rocking chairs on their porches, water their lawns, or listen to the radio tell them what their sons and daughters are doing overseas.



HAM AND EGGS has been the great American breakfast dish since frontier days. Eggs in this picture are "sunny-side-up" style, but millions prefer them turned and fried on both sides.



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE is best when made at home, with crisp, crumbly shortcake fresh from the oven. Whipping cream is now a luxury in cities since OPA limited its production.



THE HOT DOG is as American as the ice-cream cone, and vice versa. You can still buy a hot dog of sorts for a nickel.



ICE-CREAM SUPPLY in the U.S. has been slightly increased this year. A kid with 5¢ can buy a cone almost anywhere.



"GIVE US a picture of a glass of cold beer," GIs in Burma told LIFE when asked what they wanted most. Here it is.



CORN ON THE COB with plenty of butter is a dish many a GI would like to sit down to. LIFE hopes that all who see this picture will soon be back in U.S. to enjoy the real thing.



ROAST CHICKEN with brown gravy and garden-fresh peas and baked potatoes is a dinner any American mother will be pleased to cook for her soldier son when he comes home.

AT HOME YOU CAN STILL
GET WHAT YOU LIKE TO EAT

The food and drink in the color pictures on the opposite page are not necessarily either nourishing or good for you. But they are the things you have said you like the most, and they are still being served here at home—in your own

kitchens, at the ball parks, at the diners down the road. They are served, along with other dishes at varying prices, in the restaurants whose menus are listed below. When you leave the Army, where you have eaten "in" most of the time, you will probably want to eat "out" occasionally. In spite of rationing and manpower shortages there are still restaurants to fit your purse. The Red Sails Inn in San Diego, Byram's in Richmond, Price's in Kansas City, Curly's in Minneapolis, the Wonder Bar in Detroit—all the rest are waiting, with tables set, for you to walk in.

OKLAHOMA CITY

KANSAS CITY

BURGUNDY COCKTAIL

MINNEAPOLIS

DETROIT

MILWAUKEE

ATLANTA



BILL'S MOTHER STILL HANGS THE FAMILY WASH
IN THE YARD BELOW HIS BEDROOM WINDOW

HOME

IT'S THE SAME AS EVER

Bill Eder, who is 19 and a gunner's mate on a merchant ship, has been in the Navy a little more than a year. Luckier than most boys in the services, Bill has had a chance fairly recently to see his home—a two-story stucco house on Good Avenue in Indianapolis. Bill's image of home—a rosy, affectionate image now, sharpened by homesickness—is of a plain, easy-to-live-in place. Bill hasn't had to worry about home changing. Home—for most of the Bills who are away—is the same as ever.

The creamy stucco exterior of Bill's house is a shade darker. The paint on the garage doors has more scratches. The short dry grass on the front lawn is beginning to be spotted now with leaves falling from the big maple tree. The vegetable garden in back needs cleaning up. The squeaky glider on the front porch still causes minor disturbances among the kids when one of them tries to hog it.

The only thing that has changed about Bill's family is that his brother and sisters have grown up a lot. Paul, who is 17 and may not be home himself very much longer, is in third year at Howe High and works as an usher in the Sheridan Theatre nights and weekends. Theresa, who is in second year at Howe and works at the soda fountain in Morgan's drugstore, is almost a young lady now and has started having dates. Mary Jean, 13, and Rita Ann, 9, are bigger and ganglier and still in grade school. Bill's father and mother, though, haven't changed at all.

His mother is up at 6 to prepare breakfast and pack luncheons for the family. Mr. Eder, wire chief at the Western Union office, leaves at 6:30. The kids start leaving at 7:30, gulping their breakfasts and dashing off. The house suddenly is quiet. Mrs. Eder pours herself a cup of coffee, munches some toast and writes Bill a letter. Then she starts chores which keep her busy until midafternoon. The postman comes around twice a day. He never puts any letter from Bill in the mailbox. He rings the bell and puts the letter right in Mrs. Eder's hands. First back home in the afternoon are the younger girls, then come Paul and Theresa and finally Bill's father. At dinner there's lots of chatter and everybody wonders when Bill will be coming back for good.

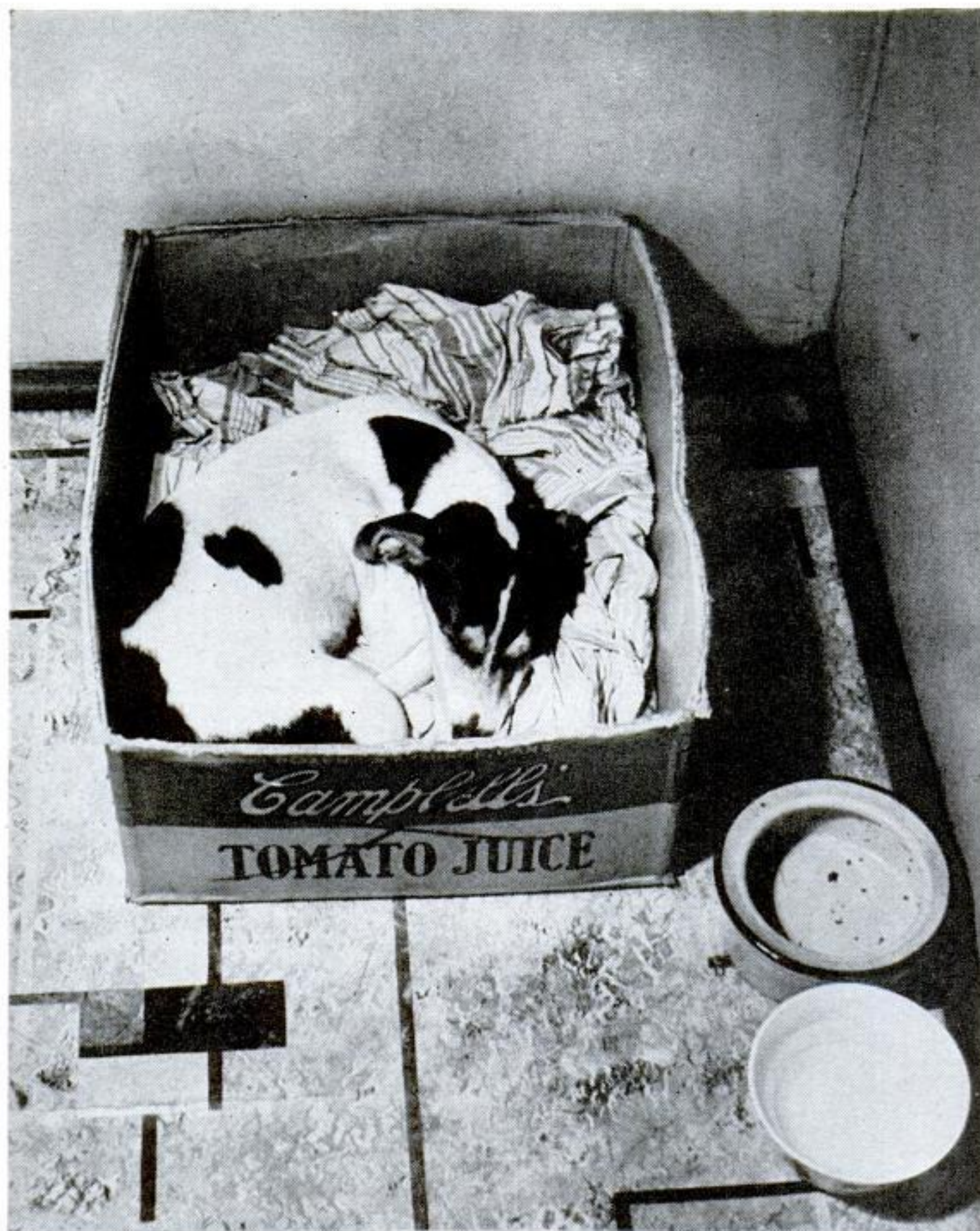


THIS IS GUNNER'S MATE BILL EDER'S FAMILY ON THE STEPS OF HIS HOME IN INDIANAPOLIS



IN THE EVENING Mr. Eder usually sits in the living room in Bill's favorite chair near the radio and reads the paper. Mrs. Eder gets caught up with her mending or does some crocheting. Rita,

the youngest, is likely to be kneeling on the couch, listening to Mary Jean read the funnies. Theresa and Paul aren't home much nights. They are out working or having fun with their friends.



BUTCH, the family toy terrier, sleeps in his customary place, a corrugated paper box at the top of cellar stairs. Bill's mother looks after his food, but the children fix his bed of soft, clean rags.



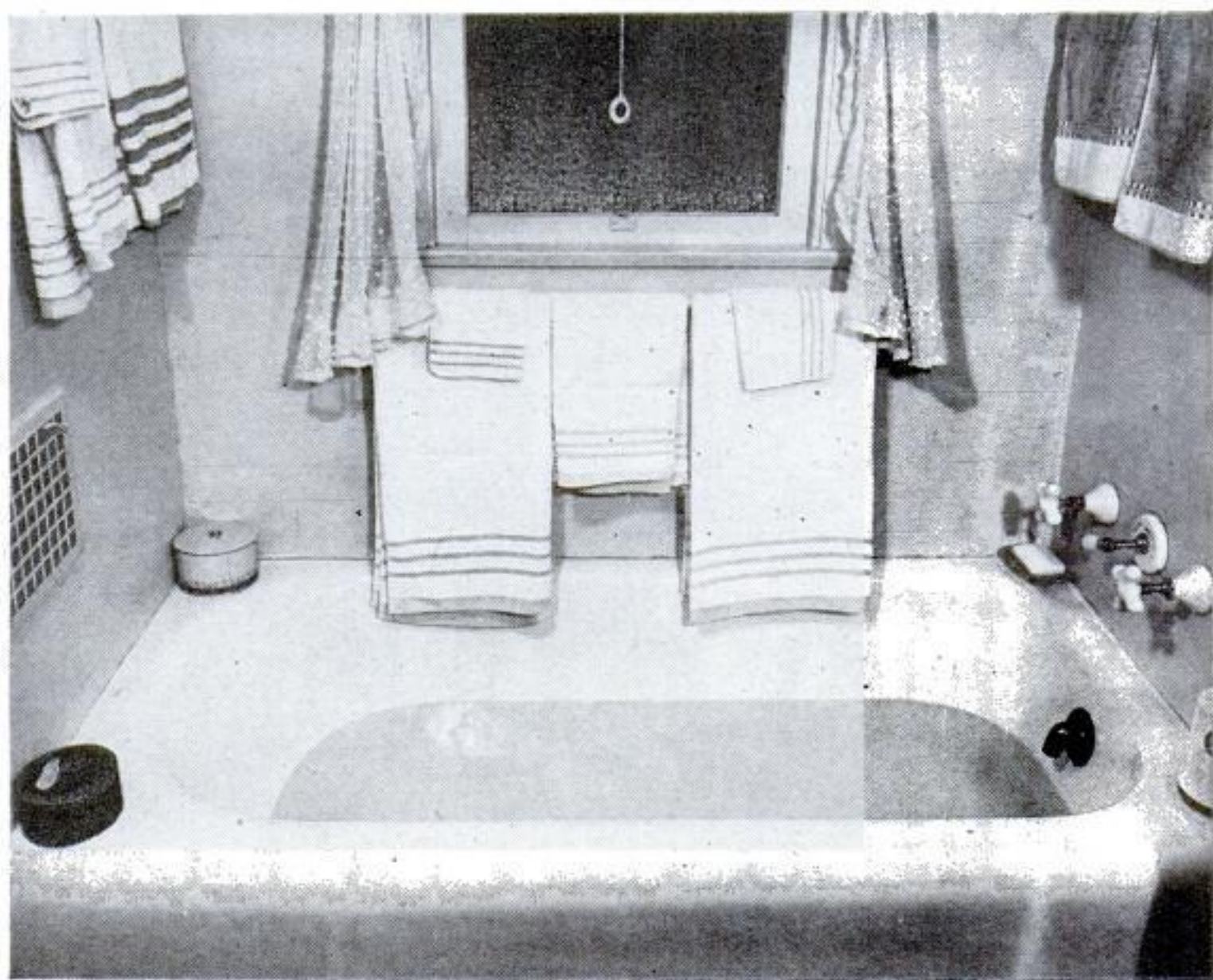
BILL'S CLOTHES, sprinkled with camphor, are in trunk in attic. He sold two double-breasted suits before leaving, kept two single-breasted ones, odd trousers, sweaters, neckties, two topcoats.



BILL'S BED, in room he shared with Paul, is made up with clean sheets and pillowcases because some night he may walk in unexpectedly. High-school graduation picture hangs over bed.



OVER THE DRESSER hangs a picture of Bill's classmates at the naval training station and some girls Bill used to date. Blonde, lively Lois Bardwell, 18 (see opposite page), is one of them.



THE BATHROOM is small, neat and tidy. Traffic is heavy, but when Bill first gets back the kids probably will give him a clear track to the man-size tub, clean towels, soap and hot water.



FAMILY CAR WILL BE WAITING FOR BILL WHEN HE COMES HOME.
SO WILL LOIS BARDWELL, ONE OF THE GIRLS HE USED TO DATE



AT QUEBEC'S CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC and nearby historic Citadel, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill met again last week. A year ago, also in Quebec, they laid plans for the final destruction of Germany. This year, in addition to discussing European and postwar problems, they drew up plans for the campaign against Japan—both by armies and navies.



ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL AND MACKENZIE KING, Canada's Prime Minister, have a sober conversation. Marshal Stalin was invited to attend the conference but refused, saying that he was too busy with the conduct of the war at home. Newspapermen, however, speculated that this year's conference, like last year's, would be followed by a meeting with Stalin somewhere—when the important question of Russia's policy toward Japan would be settled. Wearing almost identical blue bow ties, the two leaders pledged at conference's end a united and devastating attack on Japan.

STATE OF THE NATION

PASSAGES FROM A FAMOUS NOVELIST'S BEST SELLER AND SOME NEWS PICTURES

by JOHN DOS PASSOS

LIFE herewith presents some passages from "State of the Nation," which is being hailed as the best over-all report yet written on America in wartime. The author, John Dos Passos, is one of America's foremost novelists. A private in the last war, he came back to write "Three Soldiers," one of the first of the debunking novels of the 1920s. Since then he has made himself an eloquent exponent of American democracy. "State of the Nation" (Houghton Mifflin: \$3) is introduced by a letter about the future of the nation, from which a section is quoted in the box on the opposite page.

The pictures on these and the following pages bring Mr. Dos Passos' report up to date by presenting a short picture history of the U.S.A. during the past summer.

Portland, Maine

Though the old men had played a part in the building of steel ships, it's in the small yards that have sprung up in every tidal inlet, to build wooden barges and tugs and minesweepers, that they have really come into their own. Outside of a few yachts and fishingboats there had been no wooden ships built along the New England coast since the oversize schooners built during the last war. At the yard I visited they told me that when the pro-

GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY'S BIRTHPLACE, now Colvin's implement shop, in Owosso, Mich., was on the itinerary of the Republican nominee's 6,700-mile campaign trip across the country. Last week he conferred with cattlemen, agreed with them that administration meat regulations are not wise, that too much land is being appropriated by the federal government.

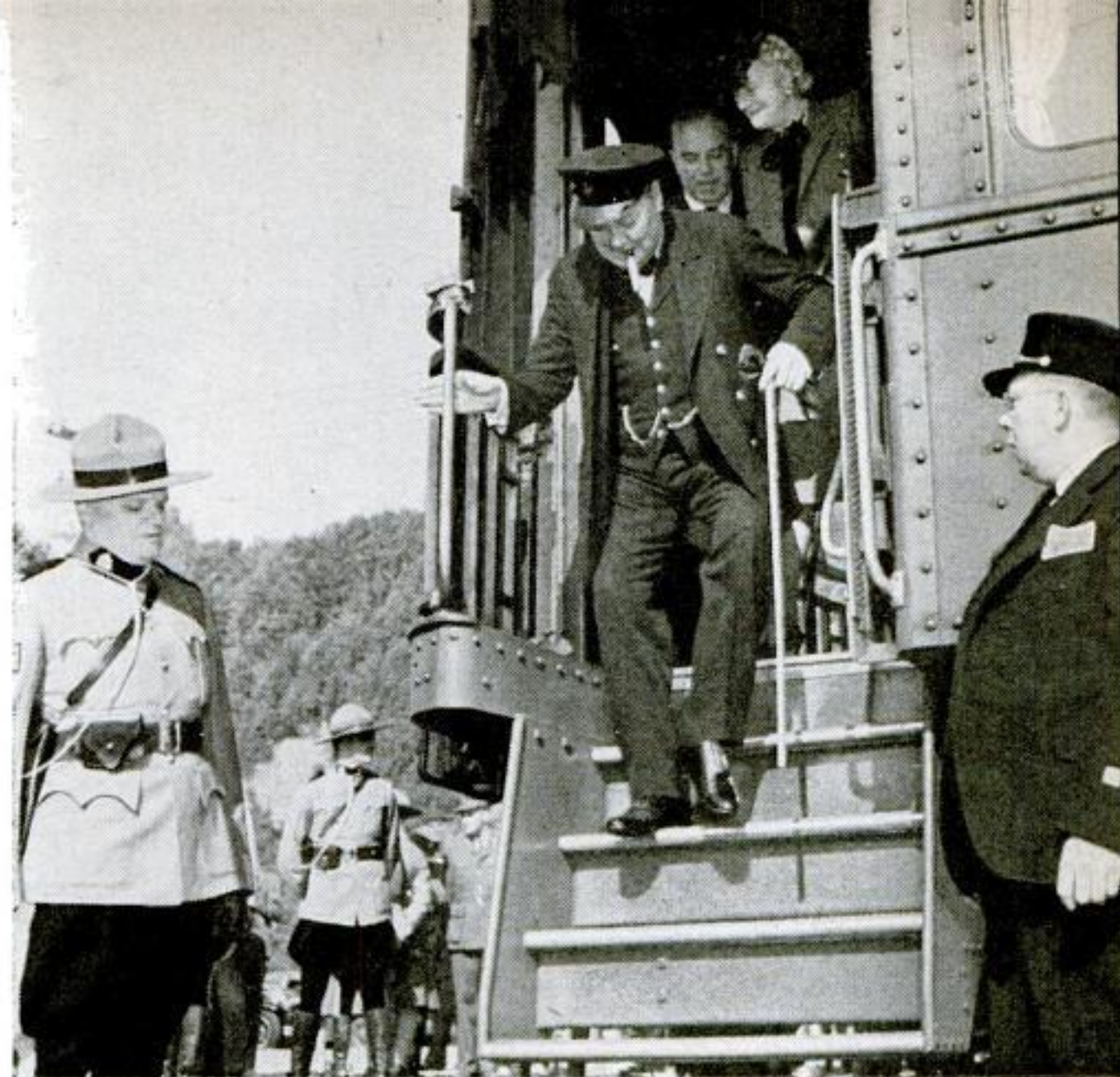


GOVERNOR DEWEY SHAKES HANDS with the Reverend William D. Davis of Owosso's Christ Episcopal Church after attending services with his wife and mother. A few days later Dewey injected himself into Quebec conference by demanding that "greater scope and recognition" be given the talents of General MacArthur in picking the Pacific military commander. He said he was not suggesting the name of the over-all commander because so many political as well as military factors are involved. Such politics are "international," he said, implying prestige problems with the British.





MRS. CHURCHILL AND MRS. ROOSEVELT receive guests at reception given by Prime Minister Mackenzie King (*right*). Later British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden arrived in Quebec. Among subjects discussed with him may have been Russian-Polish situation and armistice terms for Germany. Another late arrival was Sir Alexander Cadogan, chairman of British delegation at Dumbarton Oaks Conference in Washington. He may have discussed the reported refusal of Russia to go along with Anglo-American plans for the participation of small nations in the postwar organization.



CHURCHILL STEPS DOWN from private car at Wolfe's Cove, where Wolfe landed in 1759 before taking Quebec. In conversation later the Prime Minister said that Germany may not surrender all at once. "They may fight on in the hills," he said. Asked whether they would use gas and other desperate forms of warfare, he answered, "They may do terrible things at the end."

motors of it came back from Washington with the money to build some wooden ships, they couldn't find a man who knew how to handle an adze.

Gradually, out of lobstermen's shacks and fishing coves and farmhouses the old shipcarpenters began to show their grizzled and mustached faces. They knew how to shape oak timbers. From the laying of the first keel they made building the ship a trainingschool for the medley of lumbermen, granite workers, housecarpenters, farmers, and fishermen. As they worked, the science of building wooden hulls had to be invented all over again.

The management had the government orders, but they couldn't go ahead until they got the know-how out of the heads of the old men. The youngsters of them were in their sixties. The oldest in the yard I visited was eighty-four.

Montgomery, Alabama

Under level clouds of dust the bulldozers are at work. Towed behind yellow tractors roadscrapers are levelling off pasture land. With a roar of motors mechanical shovels are chewing down red hills that a short time ago were woodlots of longleaf pines. From cement mixers lines of trucks move slowly

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"Your letter gave me an idea of what you men in uniform are thinking about this country. It made me feel the widening of the rift between the man in the service and the civilian. So much of the youth and energy of the country has been committed to these wars that what kind of citizens you people become as you grow up in warfare is going to determine in a very large measure what kind of a country we shall have when the wars are over. People will tell you that individual liberty as our fathers and grandfathers knew it was only possible in a country of constantly expanding frontiers. They'll wag their heads and tell you that now that the Pacific coast is settled the great days are over. It is just not true.

"With each new advance in technology the possibilities of our lives expand at a terrifying rate. The most casual trip through any six of the forty-eight states will show you that the country has been barely settled yet. The question is whether we have the will and the brains to use the opportunities which the new skills and the new knowledge and the new frontiers are opening up to perfect and develop the institutions of self-government . . ."

RECENT PICTURE HISTORY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

FROM THE STEPS OF THE OWOSSO CITY HALL Governor Dewey speaks to the people of his home town. There he repeated his charges that the Roosevelt administration is tired and defeatist. In Louisville, on Sept. 8, he advocated an international organization after the war with enough force at its disposal to repel any would-be aggressors. In Valentine, Neb. he cited figures from the recent Maine state election showing a 7% Republican gain over the 1940 election. If those figures are carried throughout the country, he said, it will mean the election of "no Democrats anywhere."



IN HIS MOTHER'S HOUSE on West Oliver Street (called "Piano Street" because the residents could afford them) Dewey spent the night. Last week's *Fortune* poll showed a 3 1/2% swing of voters to Dewey. This was attributed to the news of the fall of Paris, which indicated the German war may be over soon, and to Dewey's adept handling of the Hull-Dulles talks (*see page 95*).



THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE U.S. BETWEEN



D-DAY, JUNE 6, found these California girls on the beach, using the papers containing the historic headlines as sunshades. D-Day was the biggest news event since Pearl Harbor. People hovered around radios, bought up all papers.



A PRAYER FOR THE INVASION was offered by the few members of the House of Representatives present at the June 6 session. All over the nation the people went to pray. In New York stores closed down and the Statue of Liberty, dark since Pearl Harbor, was lighted briefly to herald the dawn of liberation.



FINNISH MINISTER Hjalmar Procope waved goodbye to U. S. as he left Washington for New Orleans on his way home. He was handed his passport because his activities were "inimical to the welfare" of the U. S.



LILLIAN SMITH, slight, soft-spoken Georgian, wrote the summer's best seller, *Strange Fruit*. Telling of the love of a white man and a Negro girl, it has sold almost 400,000 copies, but was banned in Boston. Other best sellers: *The Robe*, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, *The Razor's Edge*.



CROMWELL DIVORCE case was confused. Doris Duke Cromwell got a Reno divorce. Jimmy had it annulled in New Jersey. She accused him of wanting money.



THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION met in Chicago in 98° heat to nominate Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York for President and Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio for vice president. The convention was harmonious and dull because Dewey's adroit political backers managed convention very smoothly.



JUNE FLOODS spilled water over 500,000 acres of Missouri River valley farmland between Sioux City and St. Joseph, doing some \$13,000,000 worth of damage. Midwest spring was late and rainy, putting thousands of farmers behind planting schedules. Others had buildings and livestock, like these horses, washed away.



SIXTY-ONE-YEAR OLD "CHIEF" BENDER, pitching hero of Connie Mack's Athletics before last war, appeared as batting-practice pitcher for Philadelphia. Bender was the oldest participant in a season featuring old men, young boys.



CARY GRANT AND BARBARA HUTTON, married since 1942, separated but they continued to live in the same house because of the wartime housing shortages. It is her third marriage and his second.



A CIRCUS FIRE destroyed Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey's big top in Hartford, Conn., killing 162. Other fires this summer destroyed half of Luna Park at Coney Island and half of Palisades Park in New Jersey. An explosion at Port Chicago, Calif. killed 321.



HATTIE CARAWAY'S political career (the first woman ever elected to the Senate) came to an end. In the Arkansas Democratic primaries she was beaten by Representative James W. Fulbright, author of anti-isolationist Fulbright resolution.



"COTTON ED" SMITH, 80, of South Carolina, after 35 years in the Senate, was also beaten. His long career was distinguished by two ideas: keep 1) the Negro down, 2) the price of cotton up. The man who beat him was Governor Olin D. Johnston.

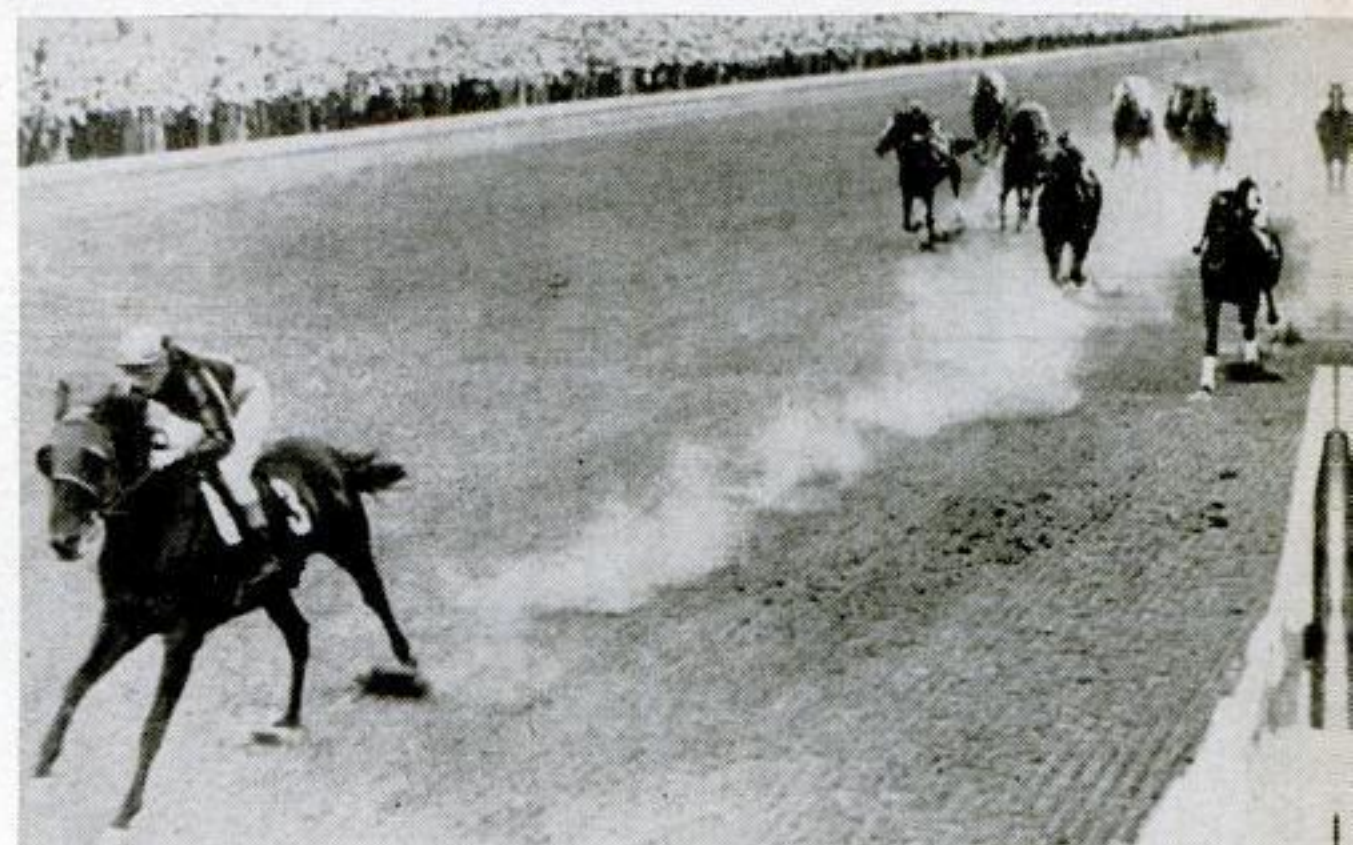
D-DAY AND THE INVASION OF GERMANY



BACKS, SHOULDERS AND ARMS were bared this summer as never before, both by day and night. Even in offices some girls wore sun-back dresses. On the beaches bathing suits with small bra tops and short shorts were the summer fashion. On the city streets there were almost no hats or stockings.



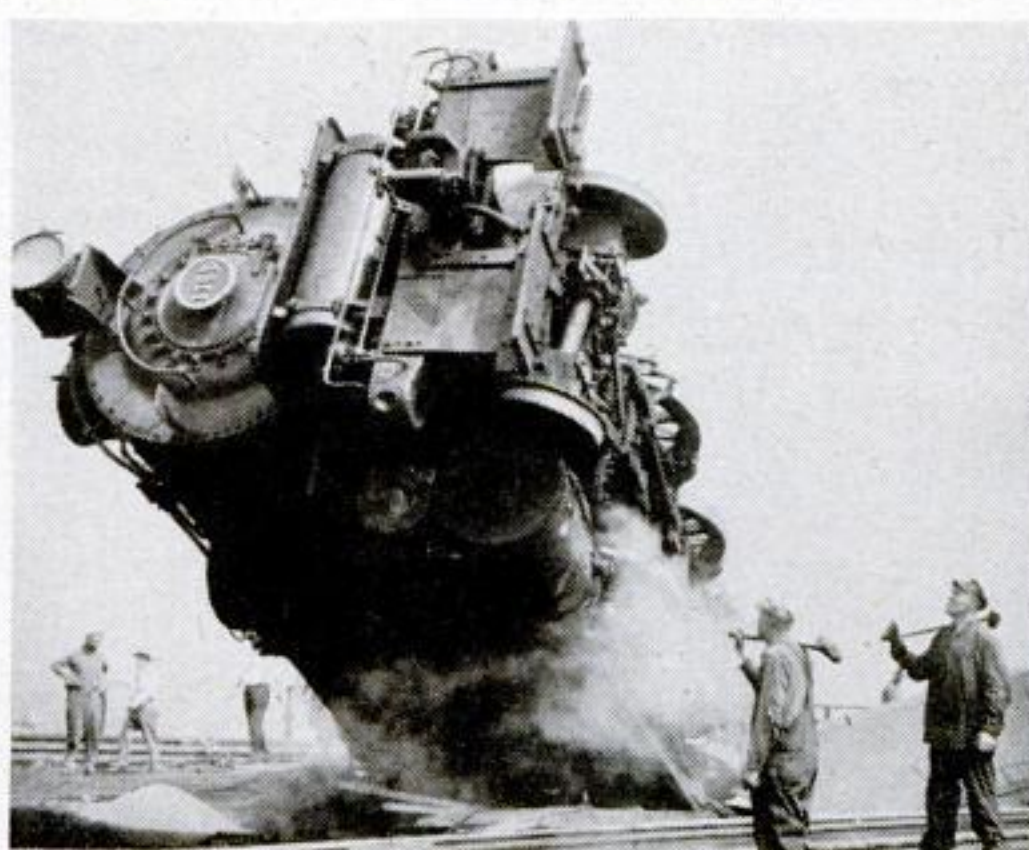
BYRON NELSON became golf's greatest one-year money winner (\$33,953 in war bonds). At Forest Hills, N. Y. Sgt. Frankie Parker won U.S. Singles Tennis Championship.



HORSE RACING was enjoying its greatest boom. At the New York tracks daily attendance averaged nearly 20,000; the betting machines handled \$2,000,000. *Free For All*, shown winning above, *Pavot* and *Twilight Tear* were the horses of the year. But many betters did not care who ran.



DEWEY'S PICTURE at the convention was embellished by these beautiful models hired for the occasion. They handed out Dewey buttons and posed for some pictures with Republican big shots. Not to be outdone, Bricker's supporters hired models and a boys' choir which sang in the crowded lobby of the Stevens Hotel.



TRAIN WRECKS were numerous as the railroad rolling stock grew more and more overworked. This is on the Pennsylvania Railroad near McKees Rocks, Pa. The biggest wrecks were a troop train in Tennessee (34 killed) and a passenger train in Georgia (45 killed).



BLACK-MARKET OPERATORS were caught. This one knocked down Powell Krueger, a Minneapolis photographer, before two deputy U. S. marshals subdued him.



AT BRETTON WOODS, N. H. Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau (left) and British Monetary Expert John Maynard Keynes took part in 44-nation conference, proposed an \$8,800,000,000 fund to stabilize currencies and a \$9,100,000,000 bank for international reconstruction.



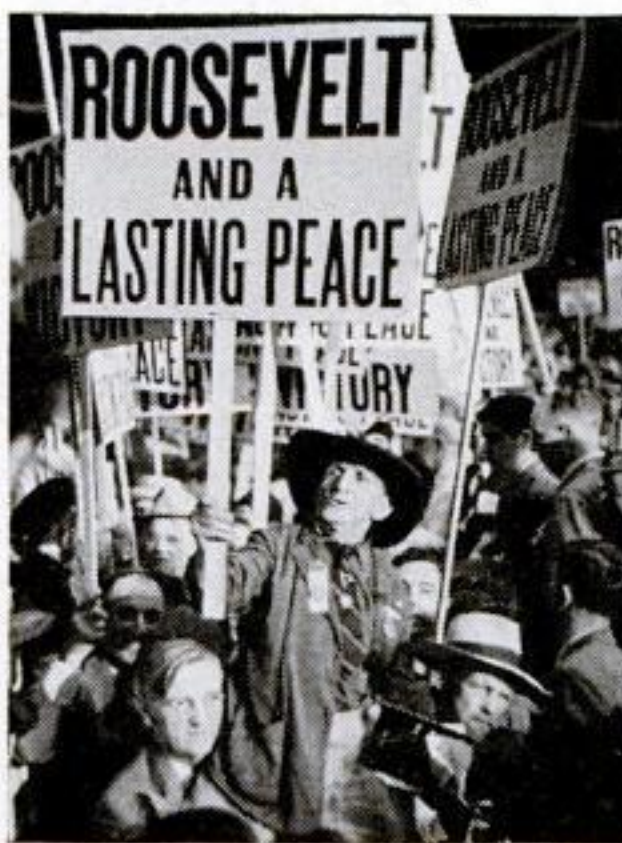
WINTHROP W. ALDRICH opposed the Bretton Woods plan. He proposed the elimination of trade barriers, liberal "grant-in-aid" to Britain to stabilize the dollar-pound relationship.



CROWDED BEACHES, like New York's Coney Island (above), and the packed summer resorts attested to the heat and the wartime boom. Train reservations were snapped up a month in advance, as soon as they were placed on sale, and vacationers had to stand in the aisles. But still they traveled.



GENERAL CHARLES DE GAULLE arrived for a meeting with President Roosevelt. Long at odds with the U. S. over the part he wanted to play in the liberation of France, he reported himself much comforted by his talks in both Washington and New York.



DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION nominated President Roosevelt for fourth term. A Byrd-for-President (Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia) movement fizzled out.



SENATOR HARRY TRUMAN (center) of Missouri was nominated for vice president after battle with Vice President Henry Wallace. Truman was supported by the big-city bosses and the Democratic machine, Wallace by C. I. O. "Assistant President" James F. Byrnes was also a leading candidate but the C. I. O.'s Sidney Hillman vetoed him.



CHARLES WILSON AND DONALD NELSON, two WPB head men, disagreed on methods, timing for reconversion. Roosevelt sent Nelson to China "to discuss economic problems." Charles Wilson resigned. Acting chairman now: 36-year-old Julius A. Krug.



THE FISHER BROTHERS (left to right), Edward, Alfred, William and Lawrence, left General Motors after 25 years of service as top executives to go into business for themselves again. Charles Sorensen, who last spring quit (or was forced out of) his vice presidency at the Ford Motor Company, signed up with Willys-Overland.



"I'LL BE SEEING YOU," first published back in 1938, was the summer's top tune. It reflected the nostalgia so many women felt with their husbands and sweethearts away at war.



FIRST LIQUOR made since 1942 flowed from the distilleries which were given "furlough" from war production. Above: Seagram's.



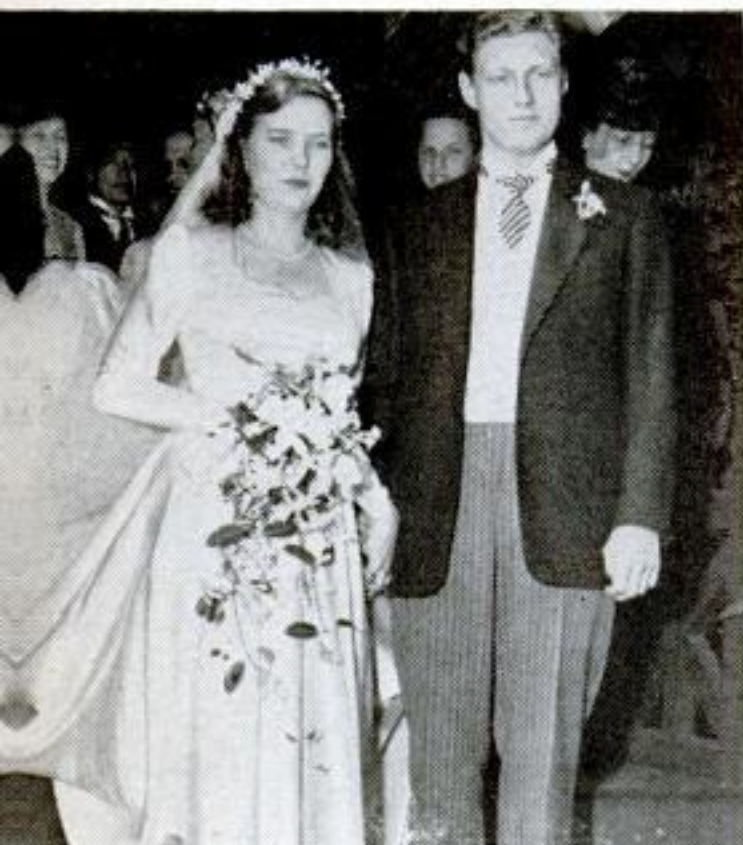
DURING WORST HEAT WAVE in recent history New York City temperatures went above 90° for eight successive days. The average temperature for 16 days was 89.3°. Above: Columbus Circle.



THE DROUGHT was bad east of the Mississippi and hurt crops. When rain finally came to Atlantic states at summer's end, a hurricane came with it. More than \$50,000,000 damage was done and 27 persons were killed.



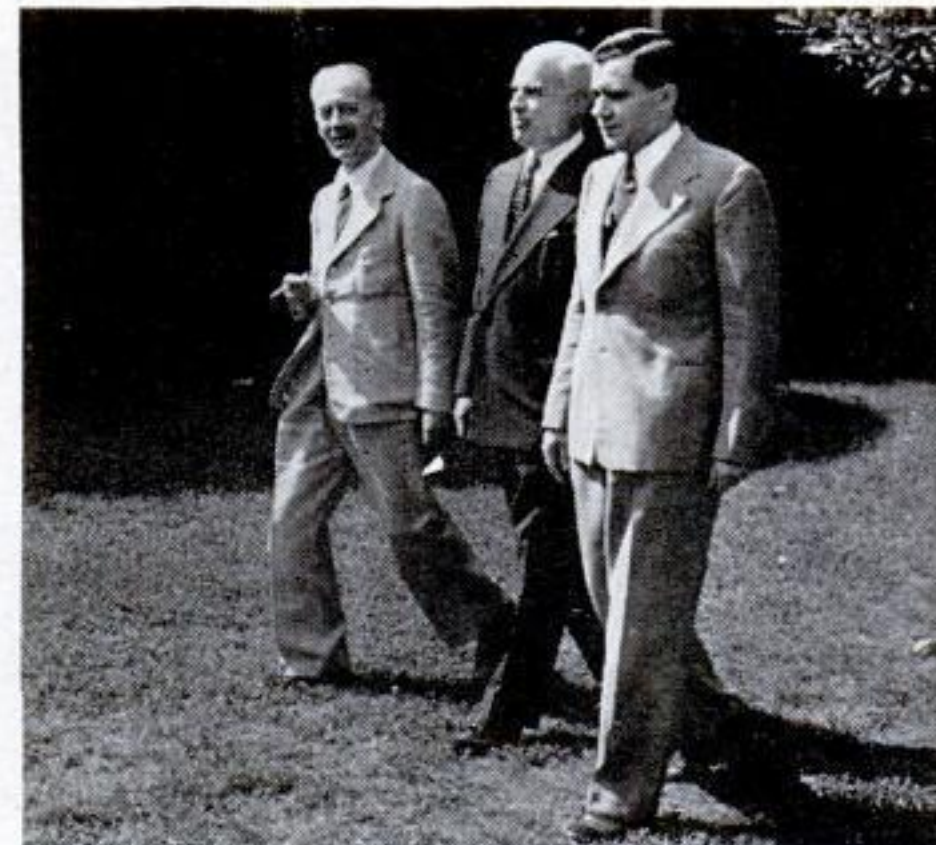
BETTY GRABLE came back to work after having had a baby. Immediately she posed for leg pictures and went to work on set of *Diamond Horseshoe*, named after Billy Rose's nightclub.



PAULINA LONGWORTH, daughter of Nicholas Longworth, granddaughter of Theodore Roosevelt, married Alexander M. Sturm, author, humorist.



THE FALL OF PARIS was celebrated prematurely in New York at a mass meeting in Rockefeller Center. While ticker tape cascaded down, Lily Pons sang *La Marseillaise*. In San Francisco, department-store owner closed up shop, then broke out champagne for all his 600 employees. In Hollywood, Actress Tallulah Bankhead was reported to have gone off the wagon.



AT DUMBARTON OAKS in Washington delegations from England, U. S. and Russia met to draw up a blueprint for an international peace organization. Above are the leaders: Cadogan (G. B.), Stettinius (U. S.), Gromyko (U.S.S.R.).



PRESIDENCY of Philippine Islands changed hands as Sergio Osmeña took over after Manuel Quezon's death.



THE GENERAL of the Armies, John Joseph Pershing, celebrated 84th birthday then suffered a relapse. He has been ill for many years.



FATHER OF QUADRUPLETS, Pvt. Charles E. Lee is congratulated in a Florida foxhole. Meanwhile Frank Sinatra said he liked Hollywood "because it's a good place to raise children," Gypsy Rose Lee announced a coming baby.



A CONTRACT FOR 93 PLANES—high-speed, four-engine airliners—was signed by Planebuilder Donald Douglas with American, Pan American, and United airlines. Douglas regarded the orders of these companies as only the beginning of commercial business.



MOST POPULAR MUSICAL show in recent Broadway history continued to be *Oklahoma!* More than 960,000 people have seen it. Theatre Guild has refused to sell movie rights and is planning to film it itself.



TOP NONMUSICAL PLAY WAS *The Voice of the Turtle*, playing to an average gross of \$22,000 a week. Deftly written by John van Druten, it tells of an Army sergeant who spends a weekend with a New York girl. Margaret Sullivan is the star. Movie rights have been sold to Warner Bros. for almost \$600,000, plus a percentage of the gross.



TOP MOVIE was *Going My Way*, a story of two priests starring Bing Crosby, Barry Fitzgerald. Other successes: *Song of Bernadette*, *Wilson*, *Since You Went Away*. Biggest flop: *Bridge of San Luis Rey*.



WALTER LIPPMANN in his book *U. S. War Aims* maintained that the U. S. should dominate a postwar Atlantic Community to keep the peace. U. S. must, he says, prevent any nation from establishing an expanding empire in the Atlantic or Pacific.



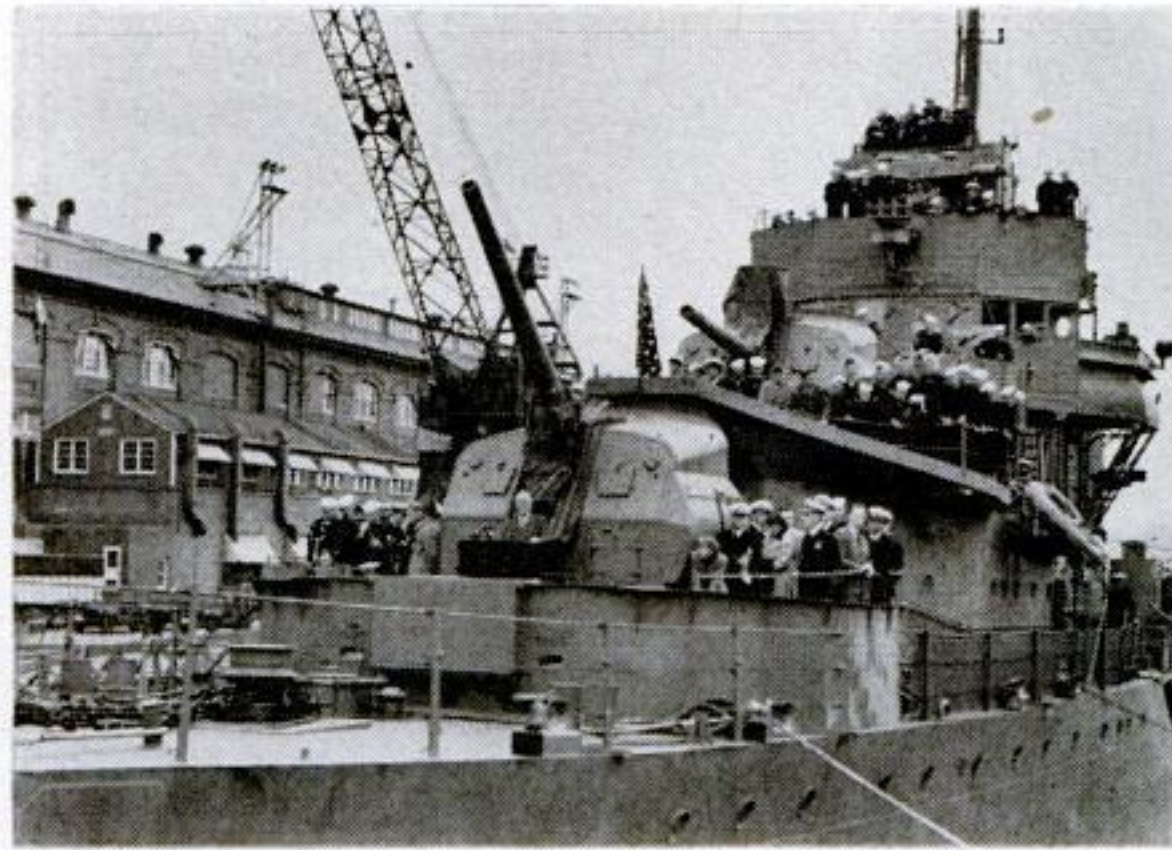
SUMNER WELLES in *The Time for Decision* differs with Lippmann, proposes that the U. S. rely on wider international organization to keep peace. He supports a world organization, both regional and universal, with an executive council composed of Russia, the U. S., Great Britain, China, plus seven small nations.



SIDNEY HILLMAN, through C.I.O.'s Political Action Committee of which he is chairman, precipitated big political row. Alarmed Democrats feared Hillman's help might be liability.



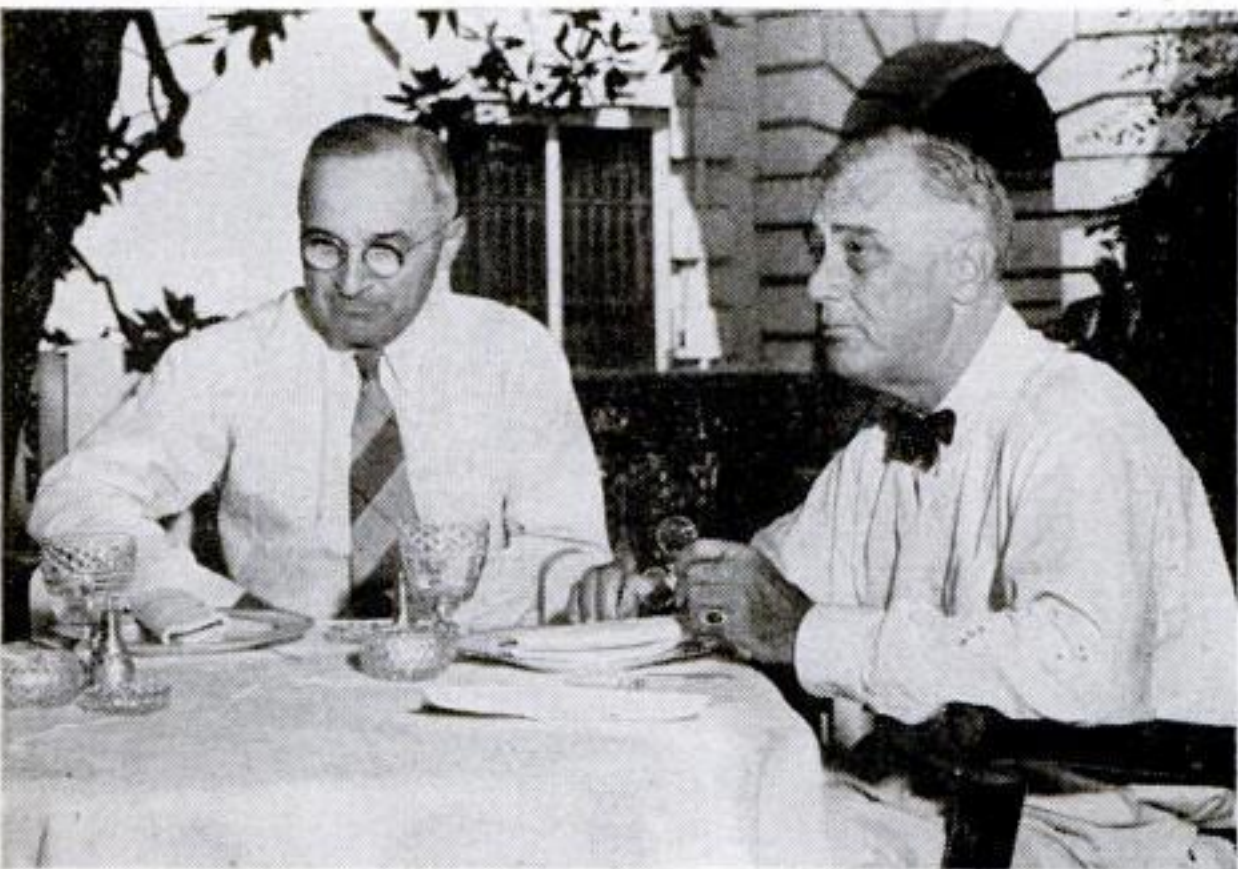
DEWEY'S EXPERT on foreign affairs, John Foster Dulles, suffering from a foot infection, called on Secretary Hull. Conference enabled Dewey to declare that peace issues were on a nonpartisan basis.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, back from a tour of Pacific bases, spoke from a destroyer in the Puget Sound Navy Yard. He proposed a virtual quarantine of Japan, said the U. S. had a defensive need of Pacific islands. On his way to the Pacific he had delivered his speech accepting fourth-term nomination.



A PHILADELPHIA TRANSIT STRIKE started when workers protested move to raise Negroes to operators. Strike cost more than 4,000,000 man hours of war labor. It was led by James McMennamin (addressing crowd above) who was blacklisted for duration.



DEMOCRATIC TICKET of Roosevelt and Truman met for lunch on White House lawn. Truman's literary efforts got him in political hot water. He wrote an article accusing the Army and Navy of lack of cooperation at Pearl Harbor, implied Admiral Kimmel did not speak to General Short. Kimmel indignantly denied it.

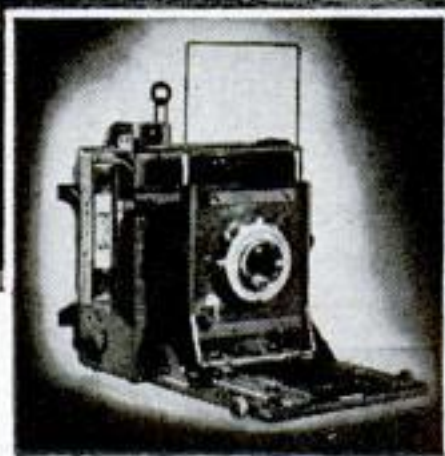


GOVERNOR JOHN BRICKER, Republican vice-presidential nominee, sampled Pluto water in French Lick, Ind. In his speech there he assailed P.A.C. for trying to "buy" the election with workers' money.



GOVERNOR DEWEY on campaign trip met Sioux Indian in Nebraska. Said the Indian in Sioux and sign language, "Indians are fed up with New Deal and will vote for you." Latest *Fortune* poll shows F.D.R. 49.3%, Dewey 44.4%.

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MANPOWER SHORTAGES are evident in many cities from coast to coast. War industries have suffered most as thousands of workers, apprehensive of unemployment during period of postwar reconversion, have quit their jobs and sought peacetime occupations. Help-wanted columns have been crammed with pleas for every type of craftsman.

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across the rutted clay. When they want to wreck a farmhouse or an old barn of hewn logs they drive a tractor through it. Then they set a match to the pile of splintered boards and lath and shingle. As the work goes on the embers and fallen bricks of the chimney and scorched plaster and bent pieces of blackened beds and old tin cups and doorknobs and rags from old quilts and bedspreads are ground into the clay under the treads of the tractors. In two weeks a back country settlement with its shacks and barns and outhouses and horsetroughs and fences, all the frail machinery of production built up over the years by the plans and hopes and failures of generations of countrypeople will have vanished utterly and instead, among the freshcut pine stakes of the surveyors, you will see in the making the long runways of an airfield, or the low farscattered sheds of a powder plant or the white concrete and glass tile oblongs of a war factory.

Some families in the South have had to move on two weeks' notice, off land they had worked from grandfather to father to son. Some have seen their crops destroyed in the field before they had a chance to harvest them. There has been no resistance, not even much complaint. People have felt that the defence of the nation came first, that the complete uprooting of their lives was a small price to pay for winning the war.

After all, we are still a people of settlers. Our hold on our continent is only skin deep. Particularly in the South the people who live in the back counties still have the frontier tradition.

If you run into the lanky father of one of these families squatting on his heels outside an employment agency, perhaps he'll tell you with a feeling of chagrin and hurt pride, as if he'd been swindled by a near relative, how little Uncle Sam paid him for his farm and how long the folks in Washington are taking to pay him what they owe him; perhaps he'll ask how do they suppose a poor man who has a family to support is going to live in the meantime, but he won't give you the feeling that there is anything very strange or terrible in his destiny. His kin may have been there for a hundred years but they were only settlers resting up. He's glad to have a chance to be on the move again.

Pacific Northwest

Service men waiting in line to get into the diner are passing the word along that there's a carload of Russians in the back of the train. There's a carload of them all right, but they aren't Russians. They come from every state in the Union. Old men. Young men. Drunk men. Sober men. Only yesterday they got off the boat from Alaska. They've been up north in the northwest drizzle building a base on the coast. Yarning, smoking, spitting, laughing, shouting, kidding, cussing, they loll back in the soft seats of the overheated daycoach. They've had baths since they landed, haircuts, the best meals money



APOLOGIES TO PATRONS have been appearing in stores, hotels and restaurants embarrassed by short staffs. Hotels are additionally beset by an ever-increasing flood of trade which has kept rooms booked months ahead. In Pittsburgh women operators have appeared on trolley cars, in San Francisco lady cops chug the streets on motor tricycles.

could buy, they've been out on the town. All the clothes they are wearing are new, shoes, high boots, new corduroy pants, new leather jackets, new lumberjacks. Their wallets are stuffed with new bills; they have nuggets of Alaska gold in their vest pockets. Some of them wear their beards, broad beards and chin beards, goatees, imperials, muttonchops, drooping walrus mustaches they are wearing home to astonish the folks.

The car's a bunkhouse on wheels. Shouting. Hooting. A continual hail of fourletter language. . . . 'Sweet Jesus, that's the sun. Ain't seen the sun in three hundred and seventyfive days.' 'Is it good to see houses again?' . . . 'Boys, that's a woman.' . . . 'Is that a woman?' 'Ain't seen a woman since Christ was a corporal.' 'You buckheaded son of a scabee, what was that wearin' skirts I seen you with in Seattle?' 'He was too drunk to see in Seattle.' . . . 'We started afoot from the liquor store.' . . . 'She took us right home in a cab.' . . . 'We picked this gal up near the liquor store.' . . . 'She kept feeding me drinks; nothing doing, I kept her at arms' length.' . . . 'We met this jane in a restaurant.' . . . 'We were looking for a steak, but chicken was all we could get.' . . . 'We had three quarts in a paper bag.' . . .

Coon Rapids, Iowa

'What do folks around here think about? Why, they think about corn, corn and hogs, but corn mostly,' drawled my friend, in his ingratiating singsong. He was a large sandyhaired man with a large frame loosely put together and a large belly and large powerful arms and large irregular features linked together by thoughtful lines in a triangular ruddy face. Sprawling at the table in the lunchroom over his second cup of coffee, his manner was between that of a lecturer explaining the solution of a problem at a blackboard, and a lawyer pleading with a jury. 'Around here they are the durnest folks for growing corn,' he said. 'They get out of growing corn what other folks in the East get out of country clubs and the stockmarket and the international situation.'

'You are sitting right now'—my friend went on with his lecture—'plumb in the middle of one of the richest agricultural regions on the face of the earth, the Wisconsin drift of black dirt. Since our grandfathers moved out here we've been taking crop after crop off it without the slightest diminution in fertility. Instead of getting poorer, the land is getting richer. I'll tell you why it's getting richer. We are just starting to learn to use fertilizer on this land. Hybrid seed corn has added about twenty bushels to the yield per acre. A number of years ago we used to hear a good deal about the hundred bushel club made up of fellers who had managed to grow a hundred bushels of corn to the acre. Now nobody talks about it any more . . . too many members. . . . A hundred bushels isn't the average yet, not by a long shot, but it might be. Then new machinery, better tractors, better plows, the mechanical cornpicker, have increased the yield per man. . . . Now, suppose we go and take a look around.' He gathered himself slowly together and rose to his feet. 'No,' he said gently, as I tried to pull out a dollar bill, 'your Eastern money isn't any good here, is it, Ellen?' The waitress, who was

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standing beside the table with her hands in the pockets of her apron, smiled brightly and shook her head.

I followed him out to his car and we drove slowly out Main Street and past the sparse bare trees of the little park at the end and across the bridge over the muddy creek.

'Politics,' he was saying. 'The only time folks worry about politics around here is when times are bad and they can't get a price for their corn. Other times they just naturally vote Republican. The way they're messing up the corn hog ratio in Washington is what is worrying me. They are going to bring about an acute shortage of feed in this country. . .

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He turned off on another rightangle crossroad and drove up to a small plain white house. The barn in back was modest and the cowshed and outbuildings were in poor repair.

A mildfaced lighthaired young man in blue overalls came out of the house, stretching. After we'd asked about his wife who had been feeling poorly, my friend started off:

'Joe, we were talking about how much land one man could handle if he was the right kind of a man with the right kind of equipment. Exactly how many acres did you handle yourself this year?'

The man pushed his denim cap back thoughtfully on his head for a moment.

'Let's see,' he answered quietly. 'I had two hundred and eighty acres in corn and sixty acres in oats, and then there was sixtyfive acres in flax and sixtyfive acres in soybeans the government asked for, and the hay. . . ' He paused and stood looking out over the rolling land. We looked the way he was looking. A big red squirrel had come out of the tangled cornstubble and was venturing in a series of little quick runs along the fence. Three belated bluebirds fluttered up and darted away into the sky. 'Well, say fifteen acres in hay. . . The wife takes care of the garden. . . Of course,' he added in a sober voice, 'I did have a hired man some, but the custom work I did for the neighbors with the tractor plowing and with the corn-picker picking corn, just about balanced that up.'

'And you're not worn out yet, Joe?' My friend burst out laughing. 'I'm in pretty fair shape, to tell the truth.'

As we drove back toward town, my friend was saying, 'And we haven't begun to produce in this country yet. Well, suppose we go and have us a cup of coffee and see what the boys have to say, and then I'll take you to see some really poor land, a farm I'm taking over nobody ever could make a living on. I have a hunch that with proper cultivation and plenty of fertilizer I can make that grow corn just about as well as this good land. . . I know you folks in the East are always saying the country's going to the dogs. Maybe it is. But I tell you it's hard to convince us farmers it is, when a man like that can bank twentyfive thousand dollars in two years.'

Detroit, Michigan

It was a cold Sunday morning. We were sitting on top of the Sunday papers littered over the couch of a trailer, talking in low voices because the baby was asleep in the bunk at the other end. It was warm in the trailer. Everything was very still. Through the window you could see the aluminum ends of the other trailers in the row, some bare trees, a corner of a white farmhouse, and rolling hilly country. The husband had broad shoulders and black hair and broad cheekbones and wide even white teeth. He looked as if he had some French Canadian in his ancestry. He'd been studying at the State Normal School to be a teacher. Then he'd worked in Flint, and in a soybean factory. Since he'd married and the baby had come, he'd bought himself a trailer and had come down to do war work in the enormous bomber plant that had just been completed down the road. Before gasoline and tires had gotten so scarce, he was saying, there had been some point to living in a trailer, but now that it was a permanent stationary residence, he wondered. Still around here a man was lucky if he had any place to live at all. It was particularly hard

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"STATE OF THE NATION" (continued)

on a woman with a baby . . . no way of getting away, no place to put the baby where it would be out of earshot. It wasn't so bad for a man who went to work every day, but women were getting what they called trailerwacky. Here they were at least five miles from the nearest town. No chance for his wife to get in to see movies or go shopping very often. Well, he guessed it might be worse.

Oh, at the plant? Well, there was no end to the small irritations over there. Nobody had the feeling that production was really going, still too much standing around. And they almost drove the men crazy about smoking. Looked like that was the only thing management really worried about over there, that and putting on a show when visitors came through. He guessed it was because the Old Man didn't believe in smoking. Then everybody was always in a stew about the food in the cafeteria. The workers had to pay for their own food, and they felt somebody was cleaning up. One man got a mouse in his bottle of milk. Oh, well, things might be worse.

The wife, a wellset blonde girl with a rather bleak look on her face, came back from the laundry across the yard. First she rushed to the gasoline stove to look at something that was cooking in a roasting pan. A smell of hot meat juice trickled out. The baby who had started to yell was brought out and introduced, a clean, healthy-looking infant. Of course, the wife said, it was interesting getting to know the other people in the camp. No, not many of them were from out of the state, there were two girls from West Virginia. They came from all kinds of occupations, milkroutes, screendoor factories, lawoffices, photographers, insurance salesmen. It was interesting that way. Of course, a trailer was an easy place to keep clean, but after you had done your housework and your washing, what then? That was the problem. She got a lot of reading done. It was all right Sundays when he was home. The two of them looked at each other and smiled. The wife suddenly looked very pretty.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

As we drove along the highway that wound through the steep hills so green under the blue sky, we talked about miners' wages and the price of living. My friends said that the setup varied a good deal in different places. At the lower end of the scale was a company-owned patch a little like the place we'd just driven through. Population about five hundred. No church, two stores, one independent, one company. All the men worked in the mines or in a machinshop. In the machinshop, they made from forty to fifty dollars a week. Mixed population of Italian, Russian, Polish, Slavic, Negro and American origin. The machinshop men hadn't gone out on the big

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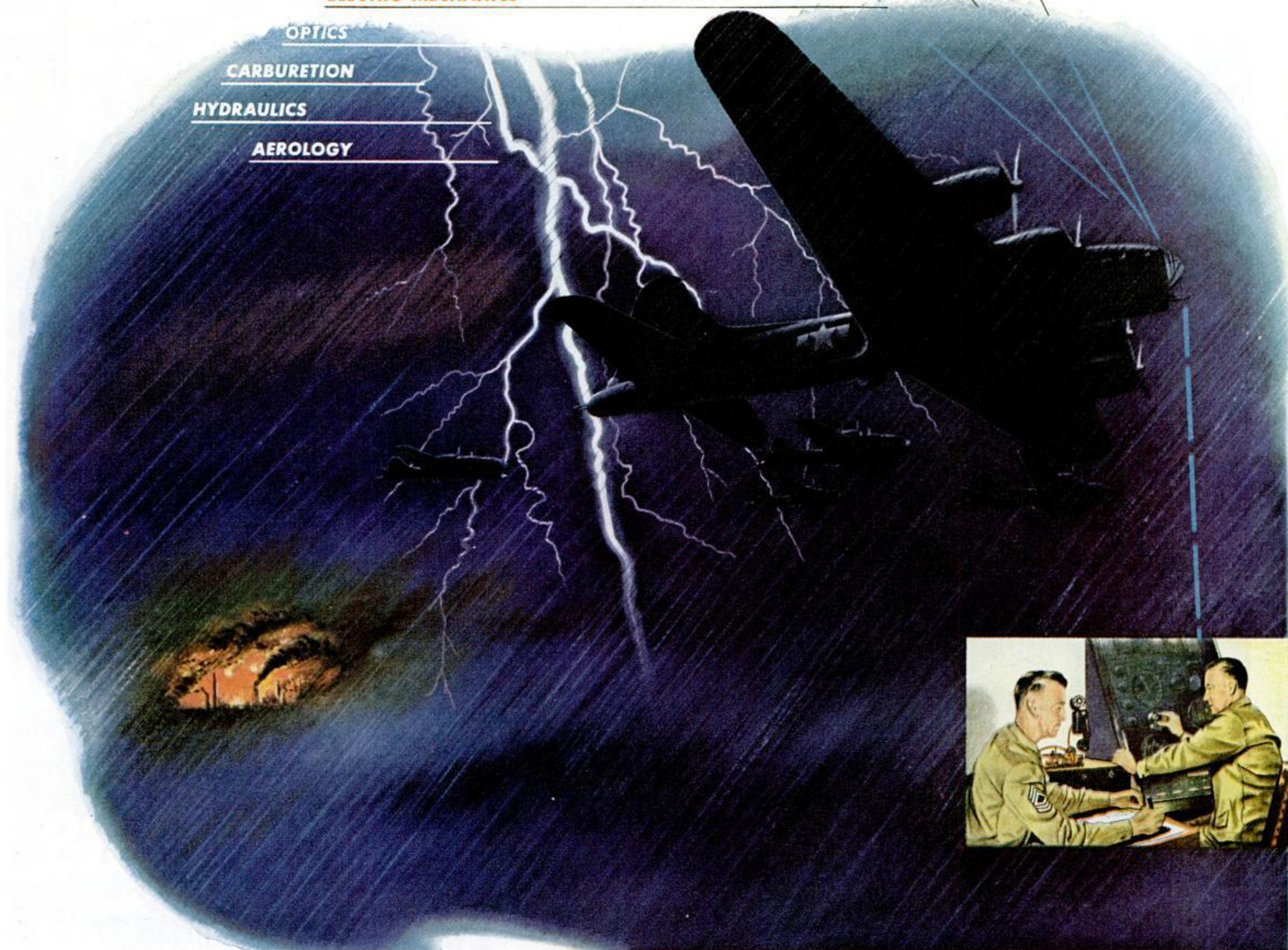
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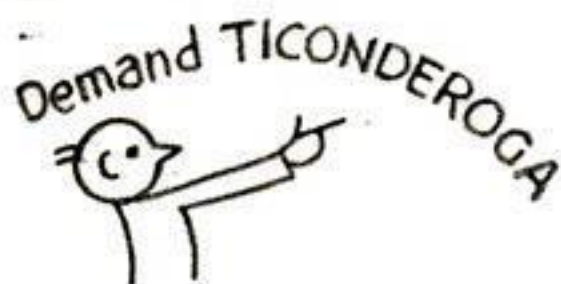
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At the maximum end of the scale, said the lawyer, who was looking up the figures in a mimeographed report, was a big modernized mine where the houses were brick or tile and rented for \$18 a month. There loaders took home an average of \$350 for a two weeks' pay period. Drillers made slightly more and cutters slightly less. Even common laborers averaged \$166. . .

The place you could consider typical for this section was a rural mining community of fifteen hundred, half American, half Italian Slavic and Polish. It had one Protestant and one Greek Catholic church, a company store and two independent stores. The houses were built on top of a steep hill. The company owned fifty-five houses that rented at from ten to eighteen dollars a month. Forty houses privately owned, most of them by miners, paid an average yearly tax of thirty-five dollars.

The mine's four hundred employees averaged seven dollars a day. They'd gone out on strike and stayed out five days. The president of the local was an unusually intelligent fellow, who was also the town barber. There, too, the complaint had been that particularly the miners with small families didn't get enough meat and potatoes to keep their strength up for their work. Their rubber boots cost \$6.20 a pair and wore out in two or three weeks, instead of lasting nine months as they used to. The commonest complaint was about the scarcity of meat and potatoes, and the high price of rubber boots. The miners kept saying that a man couldn't do the work if he only had lettuce sandwiches in his lunchpail. . .

On the way back to the city, we went through the suburb where our friend who drove the car had his florist shop. His wife was busy mopping up the floor of the shop. No help. She'd had a niece working for her, she explained, but the niece was leaving at the end of the week to go into a mill. Still, she'd done seventy-five dollars worth of business already today. Pretty good for a holiday. 'Business is good, we can't deny that,' our friend said, rubbing his hands.

He explained he was going to put in a line of wedding dresses. Already he was conducting wedding ceremonies for people, furnishing the ornaments, the flowers, and arranging the party. He rented out a section of his store to a jeweller who was doing a great business in engagement and wedding rings. 'The foreign people we have here,' he said, 'they love to spend money on a wedding.'

Our friend was the perfect host. He poured us out drinks and showed us every detail of the store, from the glass refrigerator in which the actual flowers were confined, to the lines of vases and jardinières along the walls, and the window full of a strange blooming of knickknacks and parlor ornaments: gilt shiny gazelles and firebirds, silver goats and turkeys, immense Disney piggy-wiggies and quackleducks of bisque, nameless objects pressed out of plastic, tarantella dancers, and brown hula girls, and koochie figurines in terracotta, and streamlined Holy Virgins in pale blue with kewpie infants.

'I just finished doing the window . . . what a job!' said the wife, still panting from her mopping.

'It looks . . . it looks like a Christmas tree!' somebody stammered.

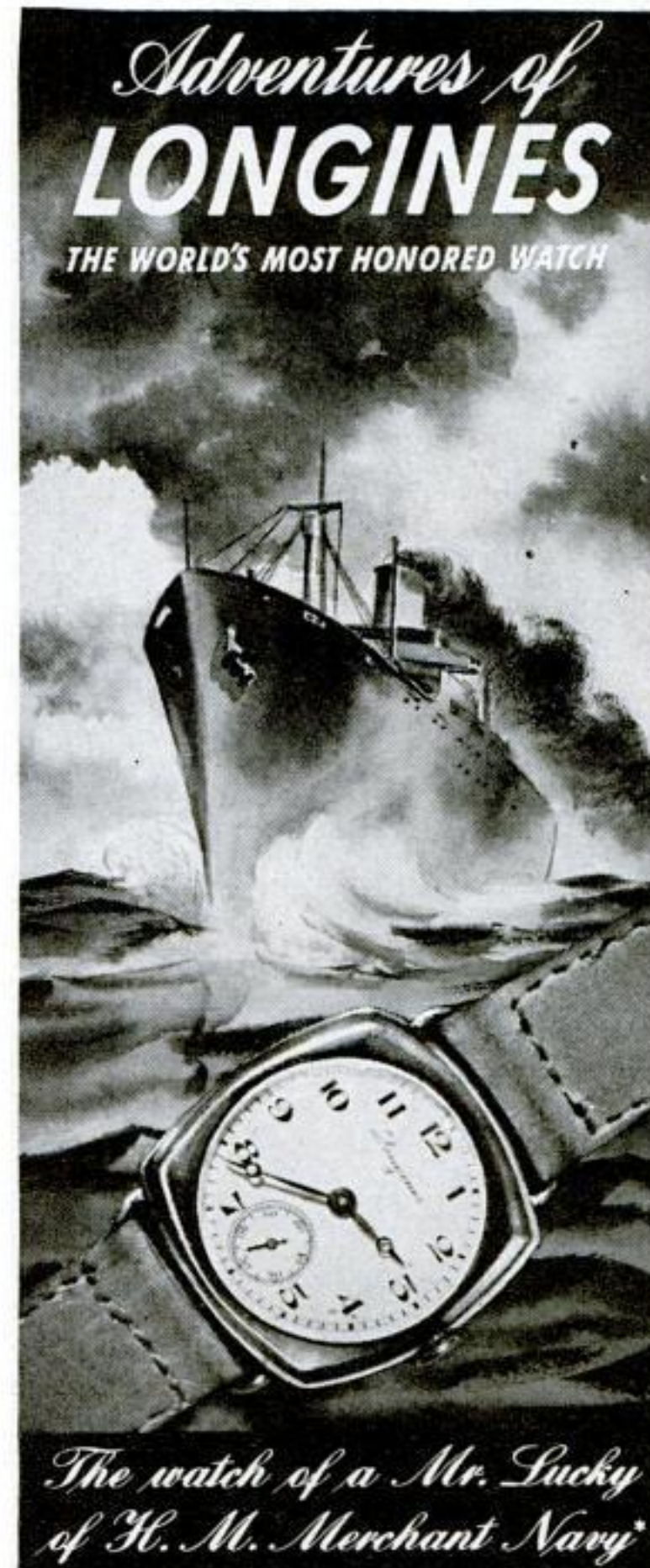
'I've got a whole new line stored in back,' our friend was explaining enthusiastically, 'but I won't touch a piece of it until this is all cleaned out. You ought to see how fast it goes. These people make big money and they haven't got much to spend it on. You wouldn't think you could do six thousand dollars worth of business in a month in a little hole in the wall like this.'

Washington, D.C.

A man is walking along the street with a bundle of soiled clothes under his arm. He's been to three laundries already. He's been told there is another in this block. He's in a hurry because he has an engagement downtown in fifteen minutes. He darts in under the pale blue sign and stands against the counter in the dense smell of damp linen under the flatiron. The girls working in the back of the room won't look at him at all. At last his pleading attracts the attention of a swarthy young man who is arranging packages of clean clothes on a shelf. 'We don't take no new customers,' he says sharply. The man starts to explain that he's in a hurry, that he's away from home. Maybe if he paid extra. The swarthy man turns his head away. 'You heard me the first time,' he snarls out of the corner of his mouth.

The man with the bundle of soiled clothes stalks out in a rage. Outside he meets a cop. He asks where, in God's name, he can get his laundry done. The cop says there's a Chinaman three blocks across on the other side of the street. Sweating profusely, the man with the bundle of soiled clothes hurries across the broad sunbeaten street. When he gets to the Chinaman's he finds the glass door locked. The

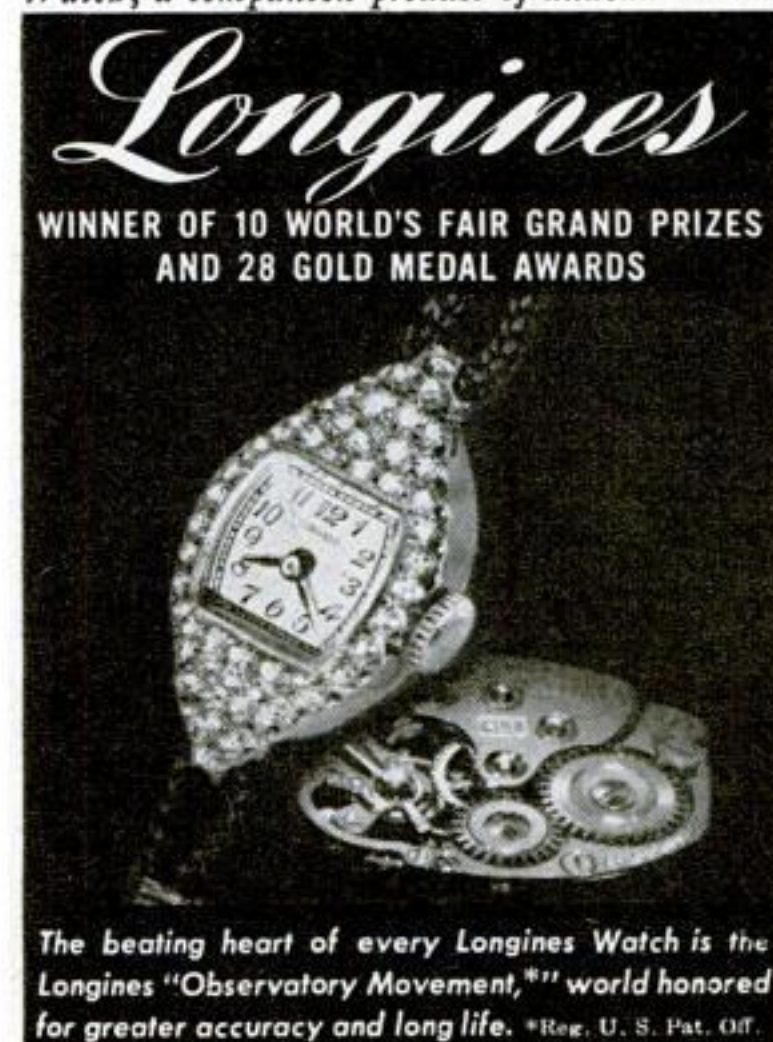
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"Some years before the war", writes a radio officer of the British Merchant Navy, "my brother-in-law gave me a Longines watch which had belonged to his father". ¶ That Longines watch was destined for high adventure with its new owner. Two ships on which he served were sunk; twice he was made a prisoner, and by great good luck he was twice freed. The first time was from the prison ship *Altmark* through the daring rescue by the destroyer *Cossack*; the second time from the *Graf Spee*, which was scuttled off South America after an engagement with a British fleet. But he still sails on—a Mr. Lucky of the British Merchant Navy. ¶ About his Longines watch, he wrote, "Like the Allied Nations, it is invincible". That's too much praise for a watch, Mr. Lucky, but there can't be too much praise for Mr. Lucky and his indomitable companions of the Allied Merchant Marine.

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"STATE OF THE NATION" (continued)

Chinaman, his yellow face wrinkled like a hand that has worked too long in hot water, is inside going over a pile of painted slips of paper. The man raps on the door. The Chinaman doesn't even look up. When he's tired of rapping, the man notices a piece of cardboard with some words scrawled in blue pencil: 'No More Cloes until Friday.'

Mobile, Alabama

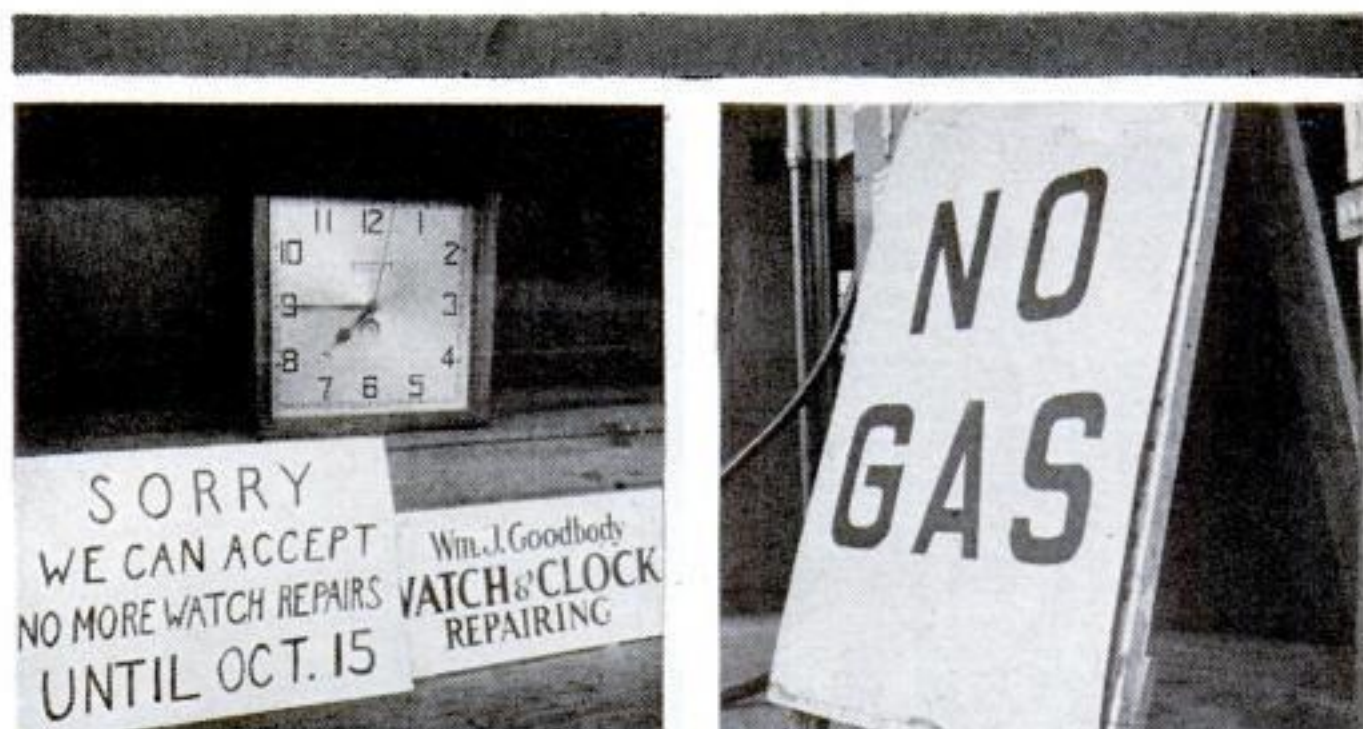
We are in the city now. The bus is swinging out of the traffic of the crowded main street round the low gray building of the busstation, and comes to a stop in the middle of a milling crowd: soldiers, sailors, stout women with bundled up babies, lanky backwoodsmen with hats tipped over their brows and a cheek full of chewing-tobacco, hatless young men in lightcolored sport shirts open at the neck, countrymen with creased red necks and wellwashed overalls, cigarmoking stocky men in business suits in pastel shades, girls in bright dresses with carefully curled hair piled up on their heads and highheeled shoes and bloodred fingernails, withered nutbrown old people with glasses, carrying ruptured suitcases, broadshouldered men in oilstained khaki with shiny brown helmets on their heads, Negroes in flappy jackets and pegtop pants and little felt hats with turned-up brims, teenage boys in jockey caps, here and there a flustered Negro woman dragging behind her a string of white-eyed children.

Out on the streets every other man seems to be in work clothes. There are girls in twos and threes in slacks and overalls. Waiting for the light at a crossing a pinkfaced youth who's dangling a welder's helmet on a strap from the crook of his arm turns laughing to the man who hailed him. 'I jes' got tired an' quit.' Ragged families from the hills and the piney woods stroll staring straight ahead of them along the sidewalks towing flocks of little kids with flaxen hair and dirty faces. In front of a window full of brightcolored rayon socks in erratic designs a young man with glasses meets two girls in slacks. 'We missed you yesterday,' they say. 'I was sick. I didn't go in. Anyway, I've got me a new job . . . more money.'

The mouldering old Gulf seaport with its ancient dusty elegance of tall shuttered windows under mansard roofs and iron lace overgrown with vines, and scaling colonnades shaded by great trees, looks trampled and battered like a city that's been taken by storm. Sidewalks are crowded. Gutters are stacked with litter that drifts back and forth in the brisk spring wind. Garbage cans are overflowing. Frame houses on treeshaded streets bulge with men in shirt-sleeves who spill out onto the porches and trampled grassplots and stand in knots at the streetcorners. . .

To be doing something towards winning the war, to be making some money, to learn a trade, men and women have been pouring into the city; tenants from dusty shacks set on stilts above the bare eroded earth in the midst of the cotton and the scraggly corn, small farmers and trappers from halfcultivated patches in the piney woods, millhands from the industrial towns in the northern part of the state, garage men, fillingstation attendants, storekeepers, drugclerks from crossroads settlements, longshore fishermen and oystermen, Negroes off plantations who've never seen any town but the county seat on Saturday afternoon, white families who've lived all their lives off tobacco and 'white meat' and cornpone in cranky cabins forgotten in the hills.

For them everything's new and wonderful. They can make more spot cash in a month than they saw before in half a year. They can



A FEW INCONVENIENCES remain to remind Americans the war is not yet over. Service establishments, repair shops, laundries, shoemakers are still limping along on retarded schedules. Gasoline is still rationed at 1½ gallons a week and pumps periodically run dry. Popular brands of cigarets have recurrently vanished from tobacconists' shelves.

buy radios, they can go to the pictures, they can go to beerparlors, bowl, shoot craps, bet on the ponies. Everywhere they rub elbows with foreigners from every state in the Union. Housekeeping in a trailer with electric light and running water is a dazzling luxury to a woman who's lived all her life in a cabin. There are street cars and busses to take you anywhere you want to go. At night the streets are bright with electric light. Girls can go to beautyparlors, get their nails manicured, buy readymade dresses. In the backwoods a girl who's reached puberty feels she's a woman. She's never worried much about restraining her feelings when she had any. Is it any wonder that they can't stay home at dusk when the streets fill up with hungry boys in uniform? . . .

Lines of men wait outside of every conceivable office. If you go to see the mayor in the City Hall, you find him, a certain desperation under his bland exterior, desperately calling up Washington to try to pry loose some sewer pipe. The housing project has attended to the plumbing within its domain. The army has attended to these matters within its camps, but nobody has thought of how the new projects are to be linked up with the watermains and sewers of the city.

If you go to see the personnel director of one of the big yards—he used to be a football coach—you find him fuming because he can't get the old team spirit into his employees. 'What can you do when workmen are making such big wages they don't give a damn?'

If you ask a labor man why management and labor can't get together to take some action about absenteeism and labor turnover, he snaps back at you: 'Management down here won't talk to labor. The men running these yards are twentyfive years behind the times.'

'I try to tell the president of one of these concerns,' says the Government Man, 'that he ought to set up a modern labor relations department and he just gives me a kind of oily grin and says, "Oh go 'long—you get it all out of a book."'

The Government Man's office is under continual siege. Today two pretty girls in overalls with magnificent hairdos and long sharp red polished nails have been waiting all morning to tell their story. Meanwhile, they tell it to a sympathetic telephone girl. They are welders. They want a release from this company so they can go somewhere else where they can get more money. The mean old company won't see it their way. Can't the government do something about it? In the hall some very black Negroes are hunched in a group leaning against the white marble sheathing of the wall of the office-building. They are appealing to Caesar. At the personnel office they've been told that if they quit their jobs they'll have to leave town. They want Uncle Sam to say if it's true. No, it's not true, not yet.

'It's incredible,' says the Government Man when his office is finally clear. 'Labor turnover in this town has reached twentyfive percent a quarter. That means every man Jack of 'em changed his job in a year. It's rugged individualism, all right.'

And still . . . his office is in a tall building. We both happen to look out the window at the same time. Across a welter of sunblackened roofs we can see in the slanting afternoon sunlight the rows of great cranes and the staging and the cradled hulls and beyond, in the brown strip of river, packed rows of new tankers, some splashed with yellow and red, some shining with the light gray of their last coat of paint. In spite of turmoil and confusion, ships are getting built, ships, ships, ships.

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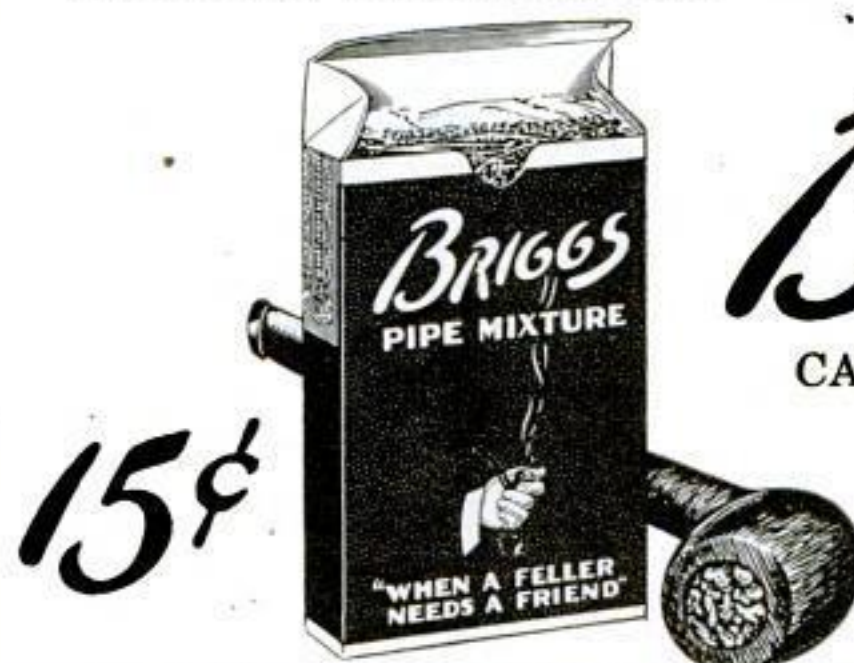
WHISKEY HAS RETURNED AGAIN to liquor-store shelves and show windows. In many cities proprietors who recently were doling out single bottles are now begging all comers to buy whiskey by the case. American-made gin and a number of restricted commodities like rebuilt bicycles have reappeared on the market for the first time in two years.

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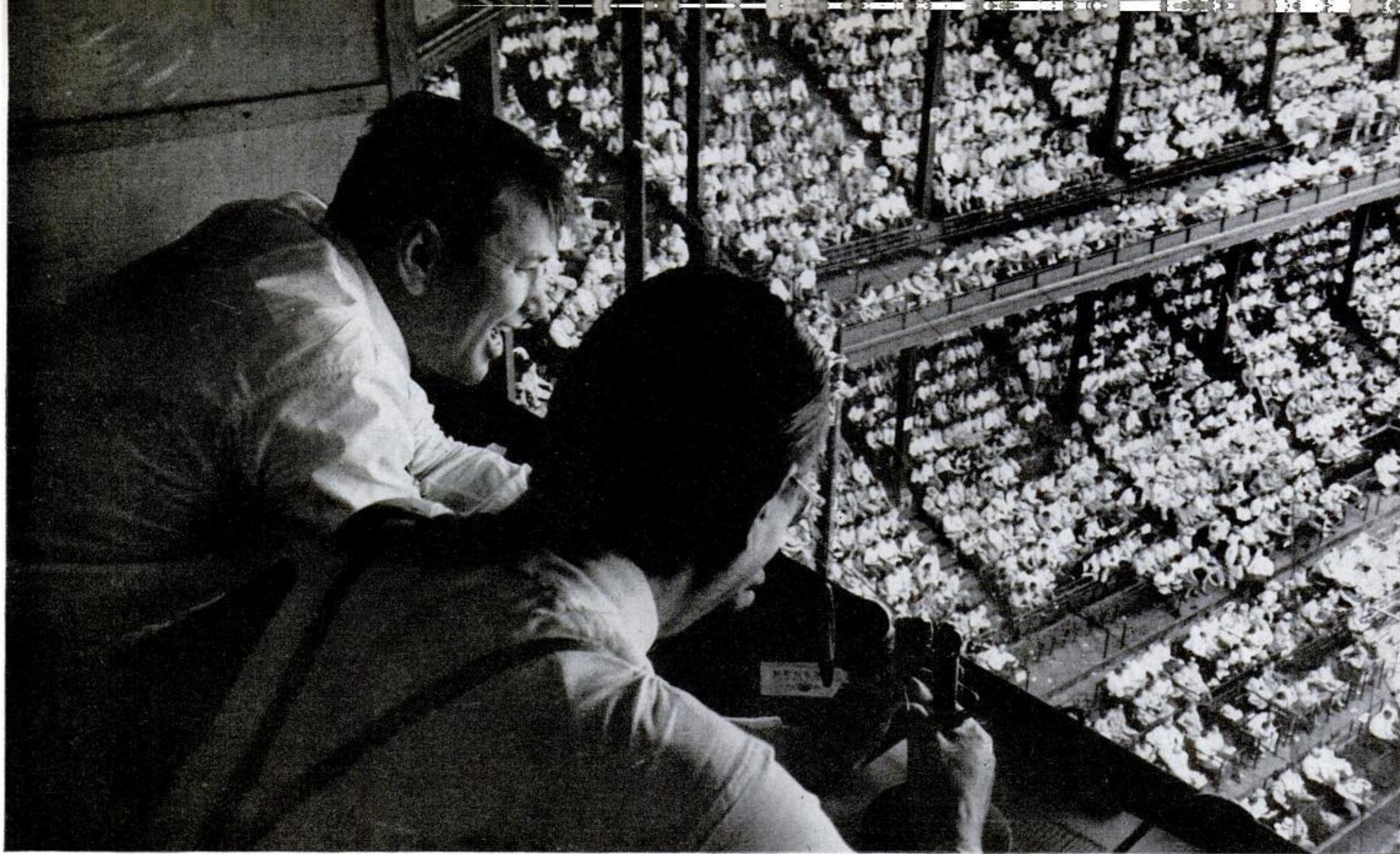
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"DIZZY" DEAN (LEFT) DOES SPORTSMAN'S PARK ANNOUNCING, DESCRIBES BROWN-TIGER GAME. AMERICAN LEAGUE RACE HAS RAISED ATTENDANCE HALF MILLION OVER 1943

BASEBALL BROWNS MAKE AMERICAN LEAGUE EXCITING

The only sure thing about this year's baseball season has been its uncertainty. Major-league scouts combed the country for passable 4Fs and old men. Even the once great Pepper Martin, 40 years old, was persuaded out of retirement this year. Even wobbly-legged managers are playing. All this mess has produced some very uneven baseball in which the St. Louis Cardinals, with virtually the same team that won last year's pennant, have turned the National League season into a boring cleanup. It has also produced the St. Louis Browns, the most colorful baseball phenomenon of the year.

Only major-league team that has never won a pennant, the Browns led the Amer-

ican League for 121 days and were several games ahead in August. But they dropped down to third place, behind the New York Yankees and the Detroit Tigers, who had been in the cellar in May. The Boston Red Sox were coming up fast on the top teams in the hottest race in American League history. The Yankees have good balance and the Tigers have the league's best pitching. But the Browns have a favorable schedule, playing their last games at home. Citizens of shoemaking, beer-brewing St. Louis may not see a "streetcar series" between the Cardinals and Browns this year. But at least they will not have to hear the old, taunting chant: "First in shoes, first in booze, and last in the American League."

BROWNS AWAIT TURN AT BAT IN TIGER GAME. MANAGER LUKE SEWELL (LEFT) HAS DONE AMAZING JOB OF BRINGING HIS TEAM FROM SIXTH PLACE LAST YEAR TO NEAR TOP





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Mom's bean suppers*

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Wholesome and satisfying, how good it is... as a beverage of moderation after a hard day's work... with good friends... with a home-cooked meal.

A glass of beer or ale—not of crucial importance, surely... yet it is *little things* like this that help mean home to all of us, that do so much to build morale—ours and his.

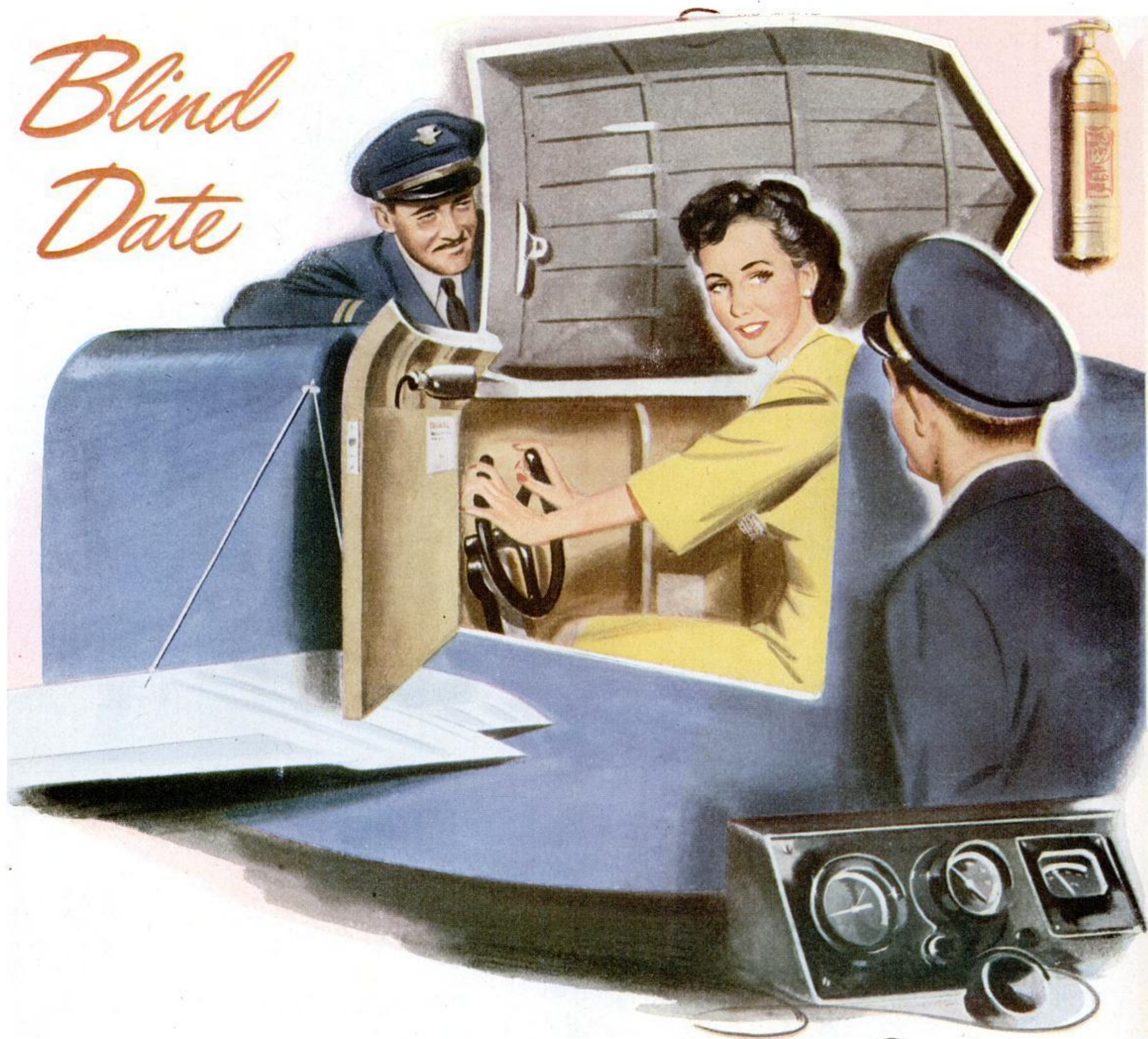


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RELAXED AND IN FINE HUMOR, HE JOINED A GAME OF



A LITTLE NERVOUS, HE USED THREE MATCHES BEFORE GETTING A LIGHT



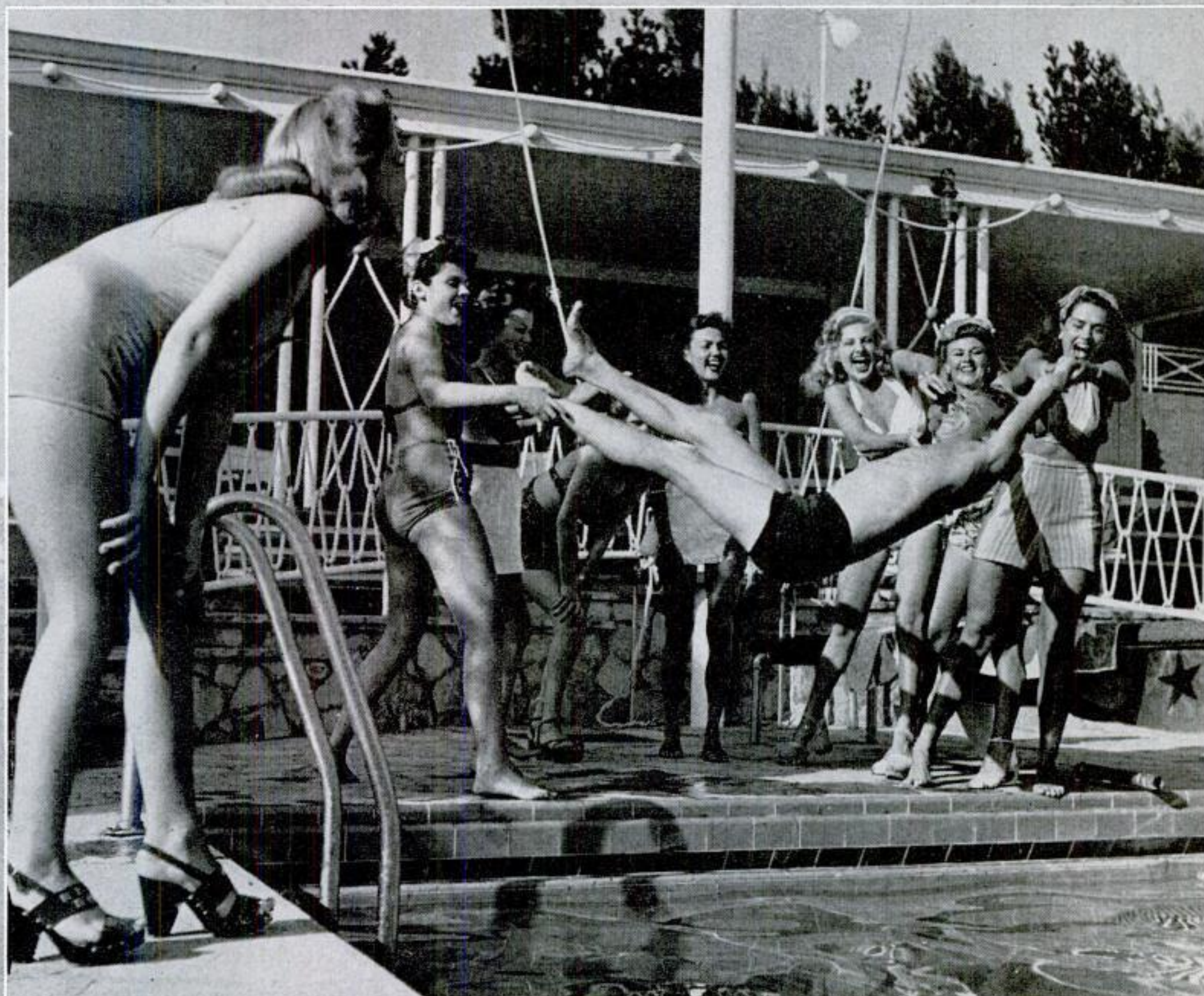
MODESTLY, HE FLEXED HIS MUSCLE AND THE GIRLS STOOD BY ADMIRING



LYNNE AND GINGER AND JINX HAD A LOVELY TIME PUSHING JACK AROUND THE POOL ON A PNEUMATIC MATTRESS



BALL BY THE POOL. THEN HE SAID HE WANTED TO SWIM



FULL OF PRANKS, THE GIRLS GANGED UP ON JACK (WHO DIDN'T STRUGGLE MUCH) AND HEAVED HIM GENTLY INTO THE POOL



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"Two Zekes at six o'clock!"

"More fighters! Two at nine o'clock ... three at eleven ... two more at ten!"

A dozen Zekes dived in for the kill ... screaming down ... filling the sky with a 4th-of-July display of exploding shells and tracers.

The *Double Trouble's* crew fought back with every gun on the ship. And when the big plane lifted at the bombs' release, the pilot put her into evasive action.

The nose-gunner got the first one ... blew him into a flaming torch. Top-turret caught another in his red-hot tracer streams. Two

more went down like falling leaves, trailing wakes of smoke into the sea.

The *Double Trouble* was peppered with bullet holes. Her left wing was riddled. Her tail was badly mauled. But the crew had its fighting blood up.

Zeke number five came in high ... took a solid burst from the waist-gun, fell into a slow spin, and all at once disintegrated.

Five up and five down! That was enough for the Nips. The rest got homesick.

Then the boys let go their guns and relaxed ... and told each other how good they were.

They didn't talk about the months of training that prepared them for today's fight ... or the spirit of teamwork drilled into every AAF flier ... or the will-to-win that makes the AAF the "greatest team in the world."

They didn't put it into words, but they understood it. Right then, it added up to five Zekes.

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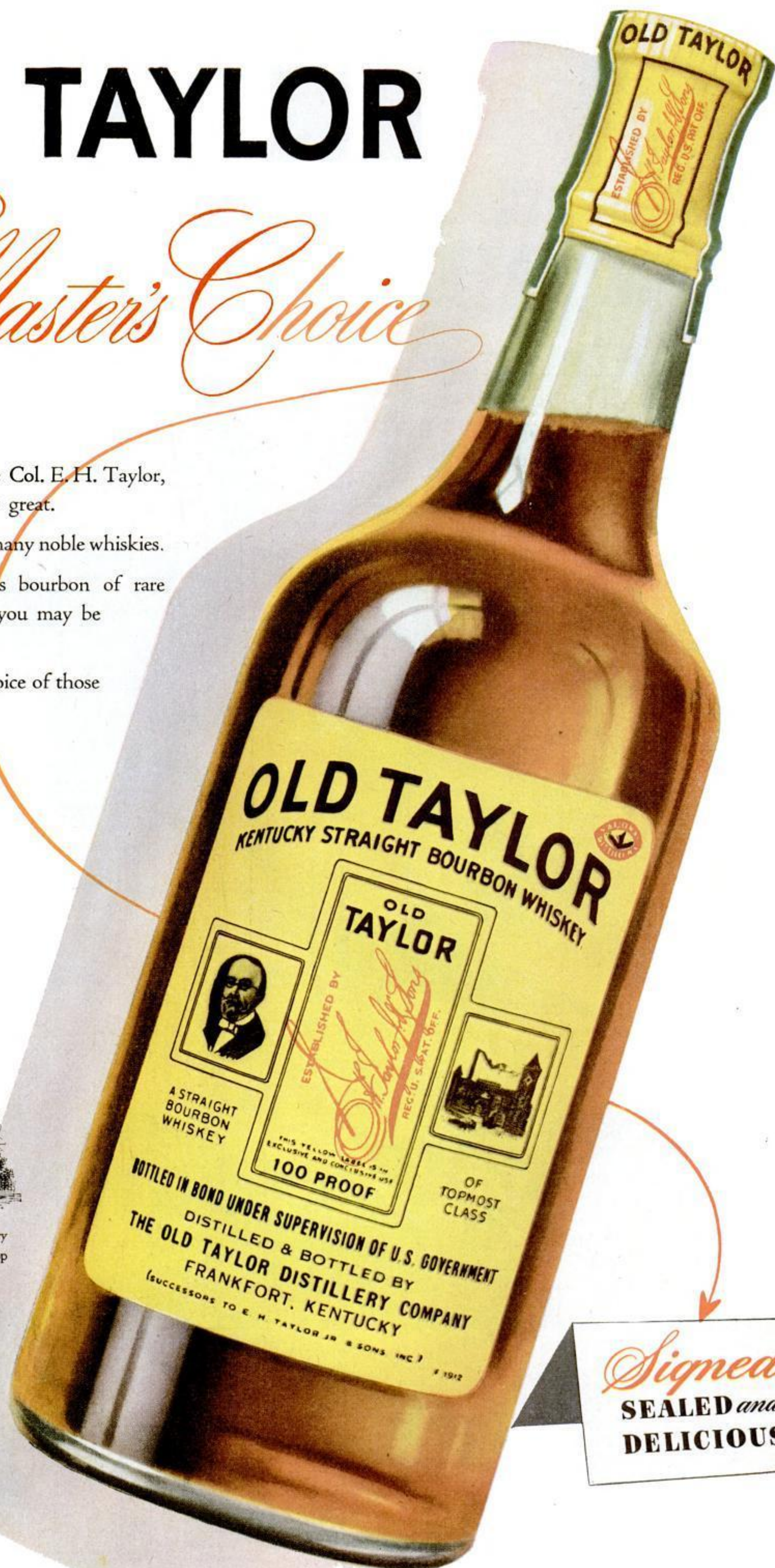
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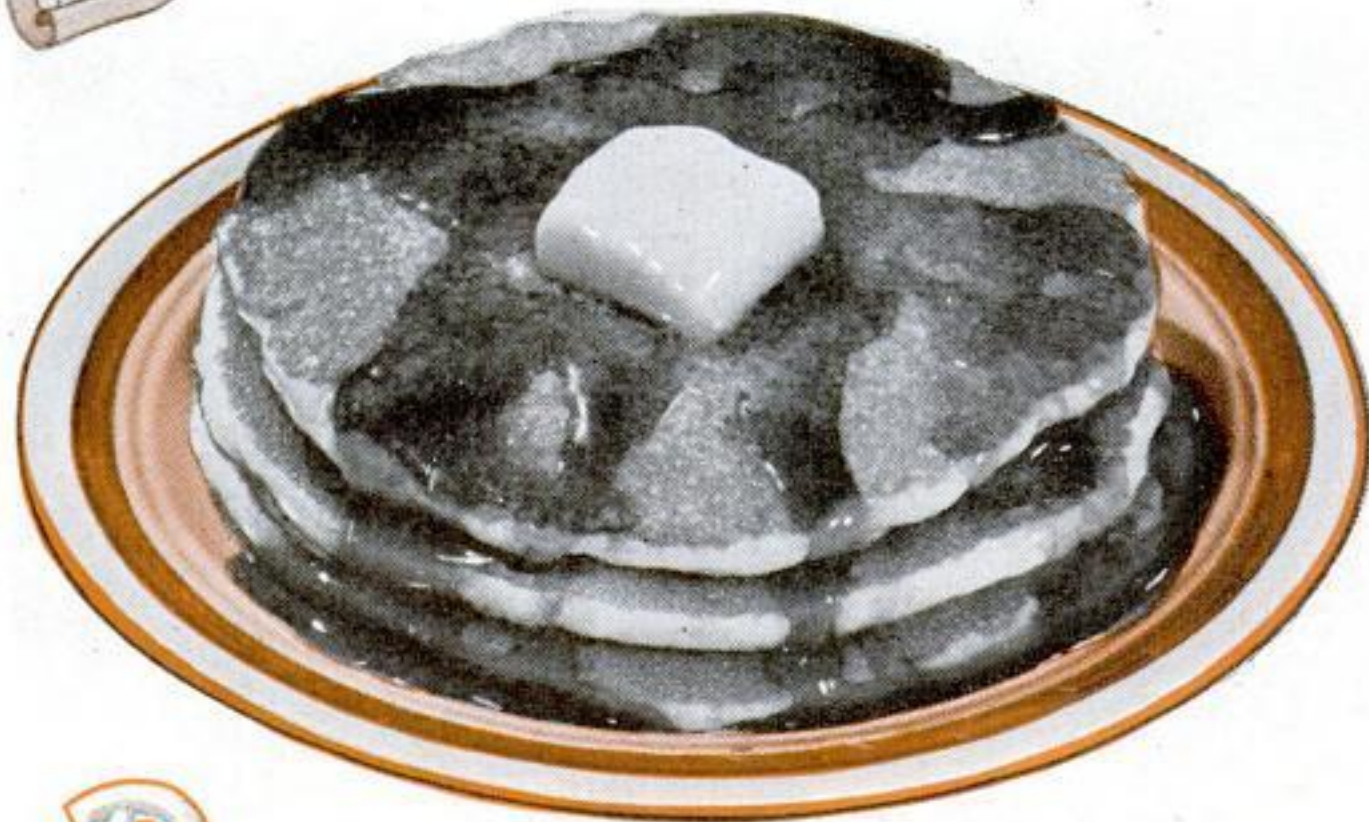
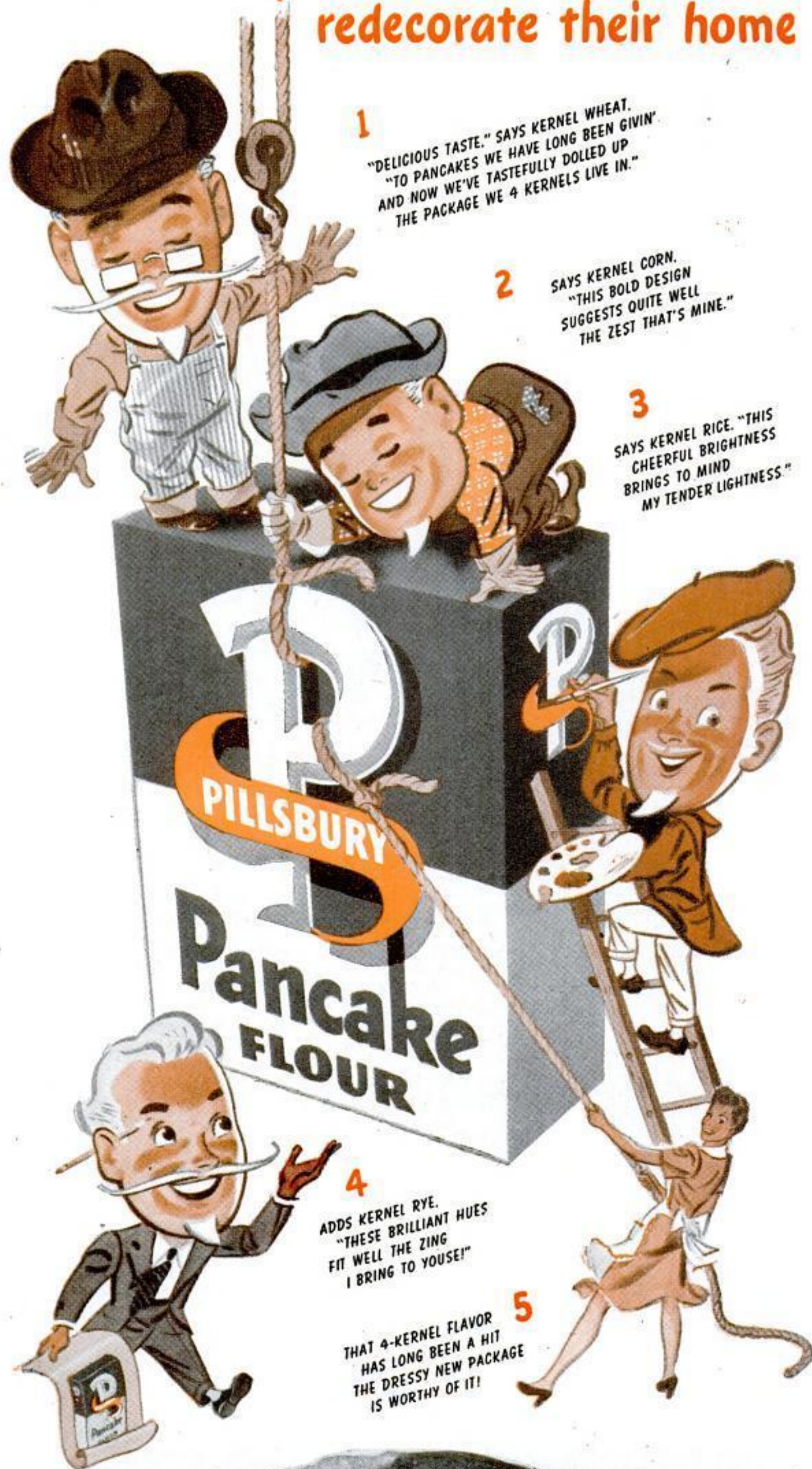
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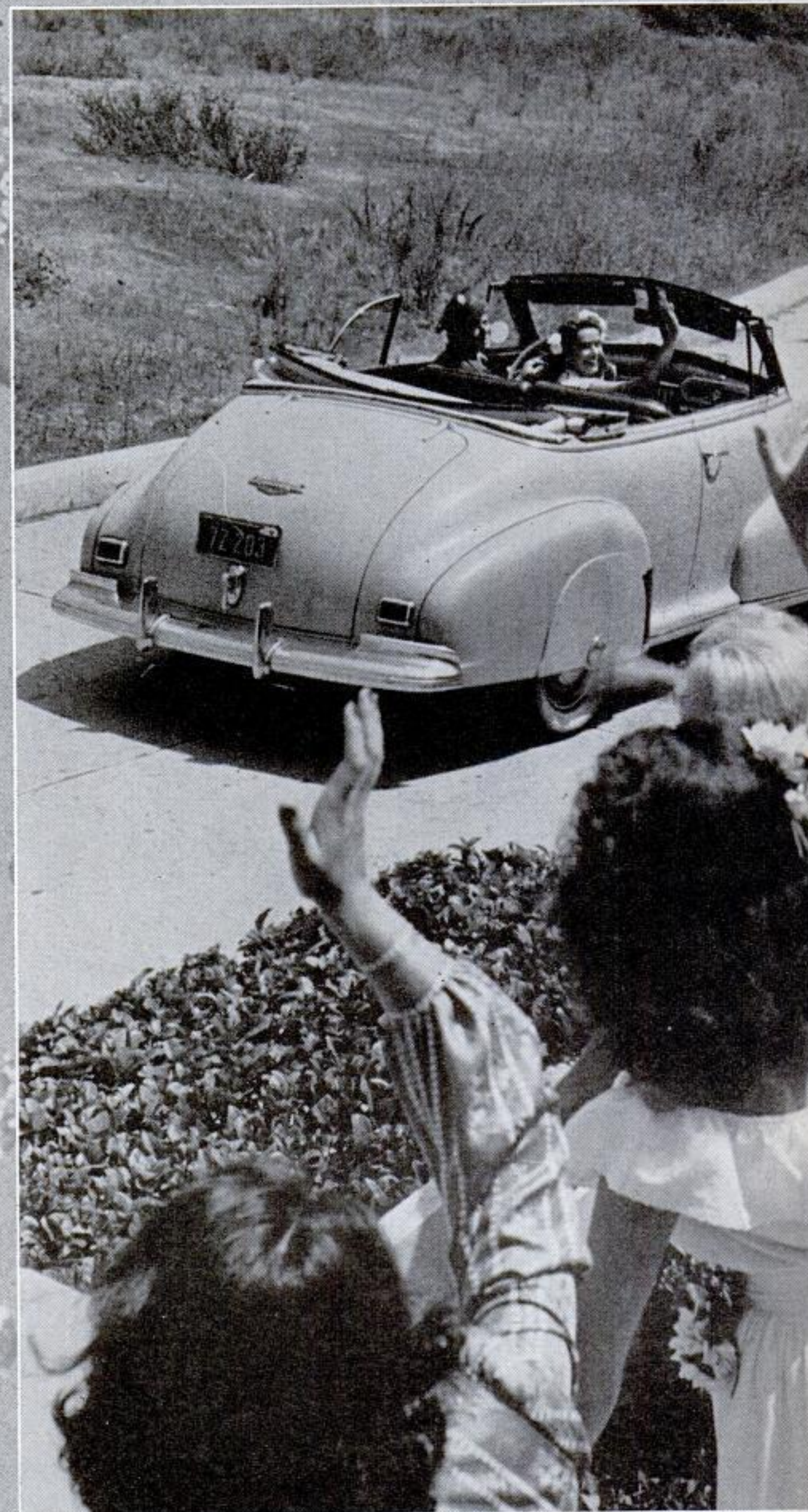
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G.I.'s Dream Party (continued)



THEY SCRAWLED THEIR NAMES ALL OVER HIS SHIRT SO HE WOULDN'T FORGET THEM



FINALLY HE LEFT, TAKING JINX FALKENBURG WITH HIM. THE OTHER GIRLS WAVED



HE SWEATED IT OUT AS THEY COVERED HIM WITH KISSES. "GEE!" HE REMARKED



GOODBY TO THE BOY WHO HAD GIVEN THEM A DAY THEY WOULD NEVER FORGET

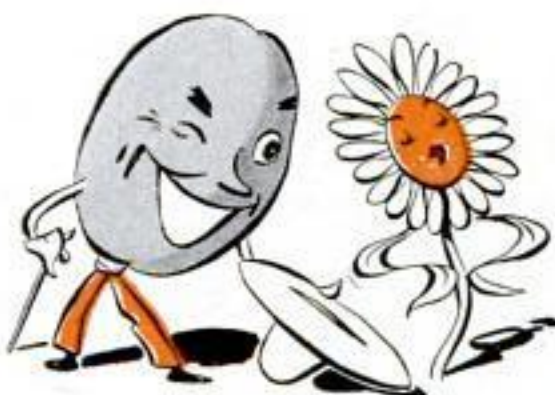


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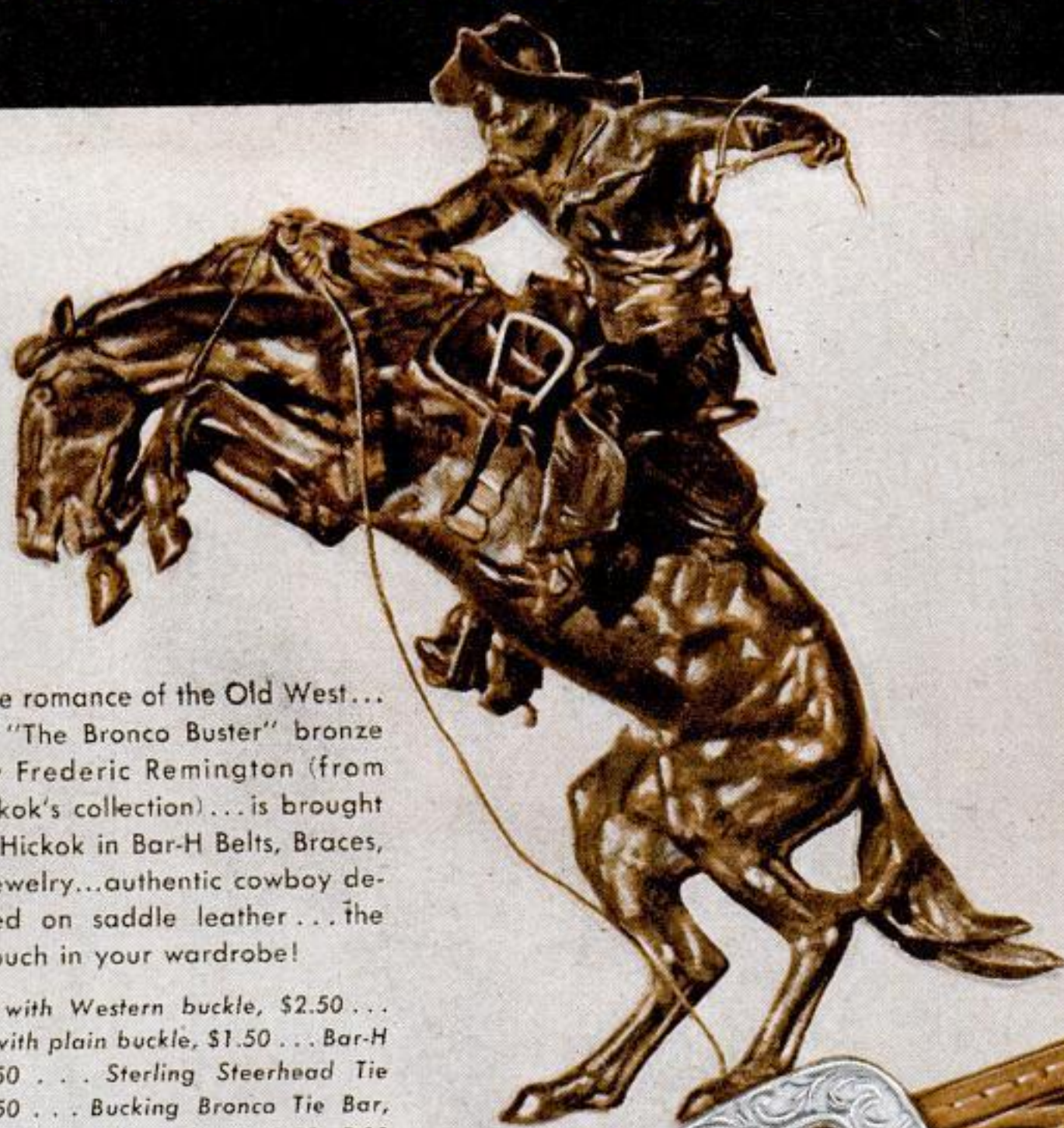


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PICTURES TO THE EDITORS

"MISS WOOF-WOOF"

Sirs:

From the GI's point of view the female of the wolf species is as deadly as the male Sgt. Sansone portrayed in LIFE, July 31. As illustration I submit Miss Woof-Woof, a cartoon I draw for our camp paper, *Lukommunique*.

CPL. WALTER A. WRUBLESKI
Luke Field, Ariz.



"YOU RASCAL..."



"... WHOSE MOVE?"



"AT THE MOMENT I CAN THINK OF A LOT OF WAYS THAT YOU WACS CAN'T REPLACE A MAN."

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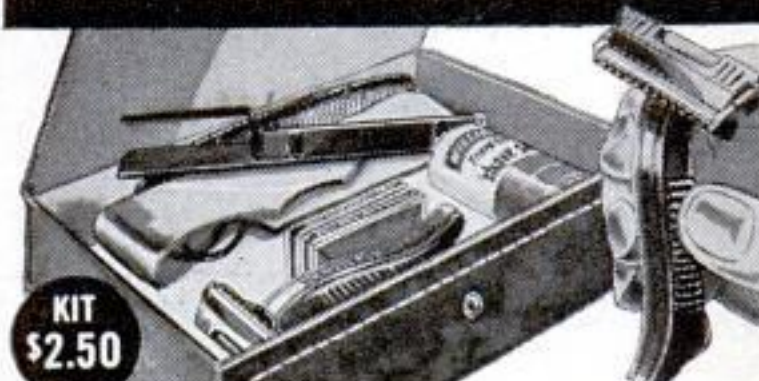
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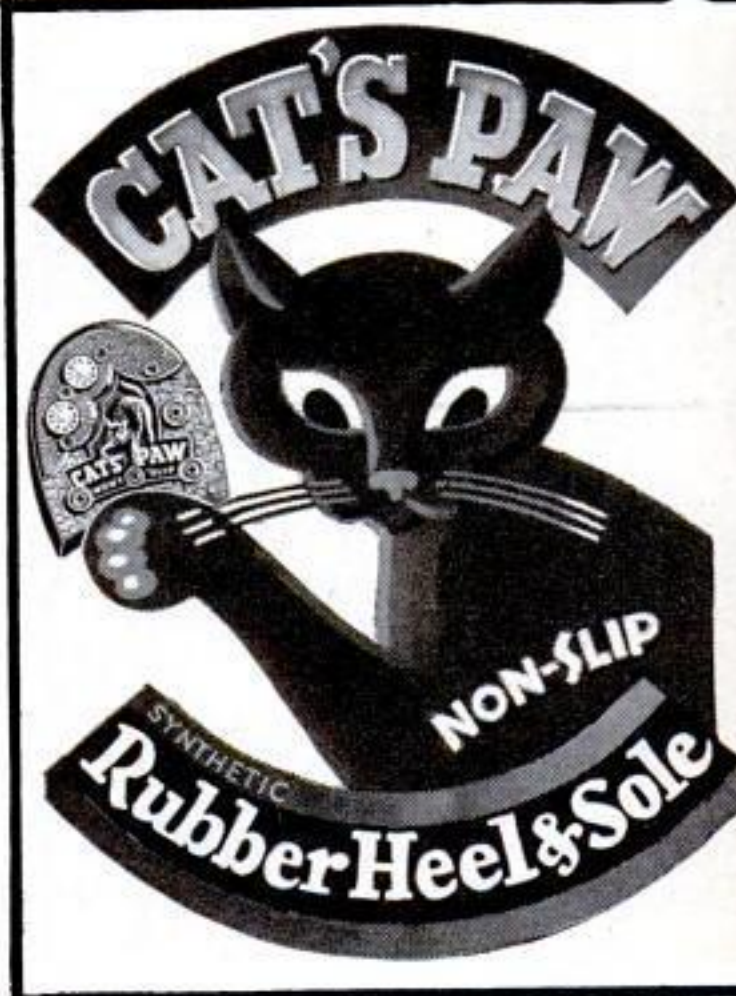
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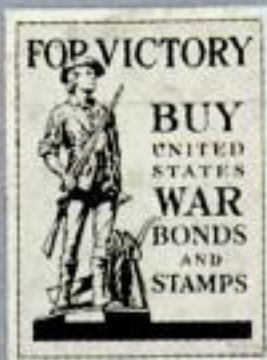
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